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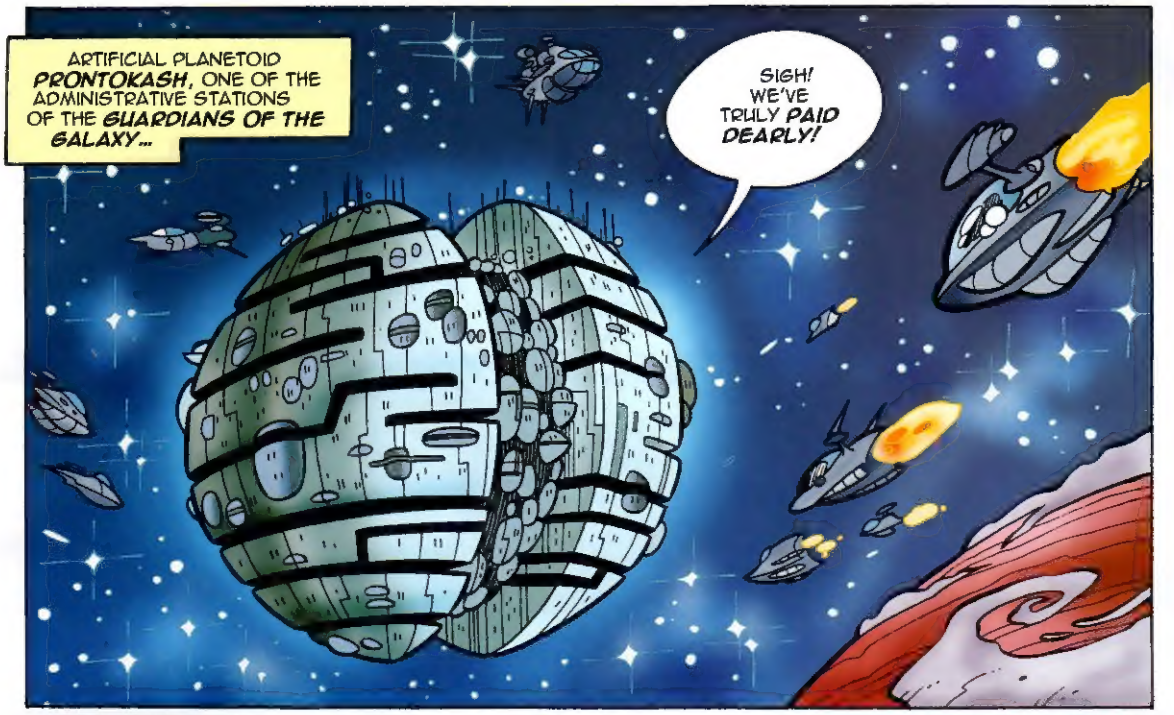
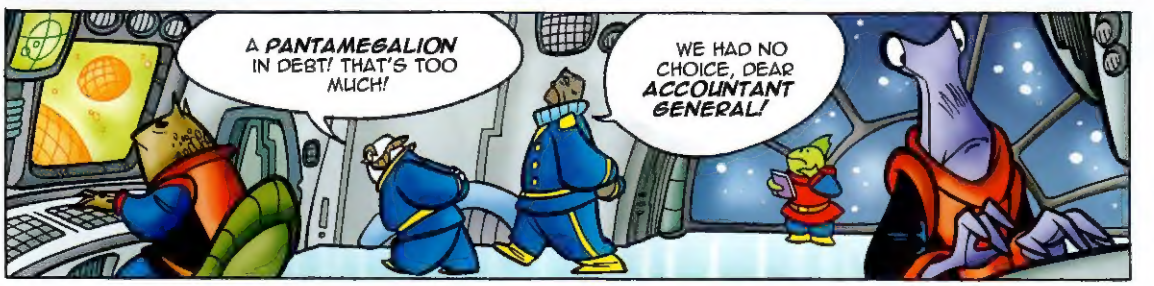
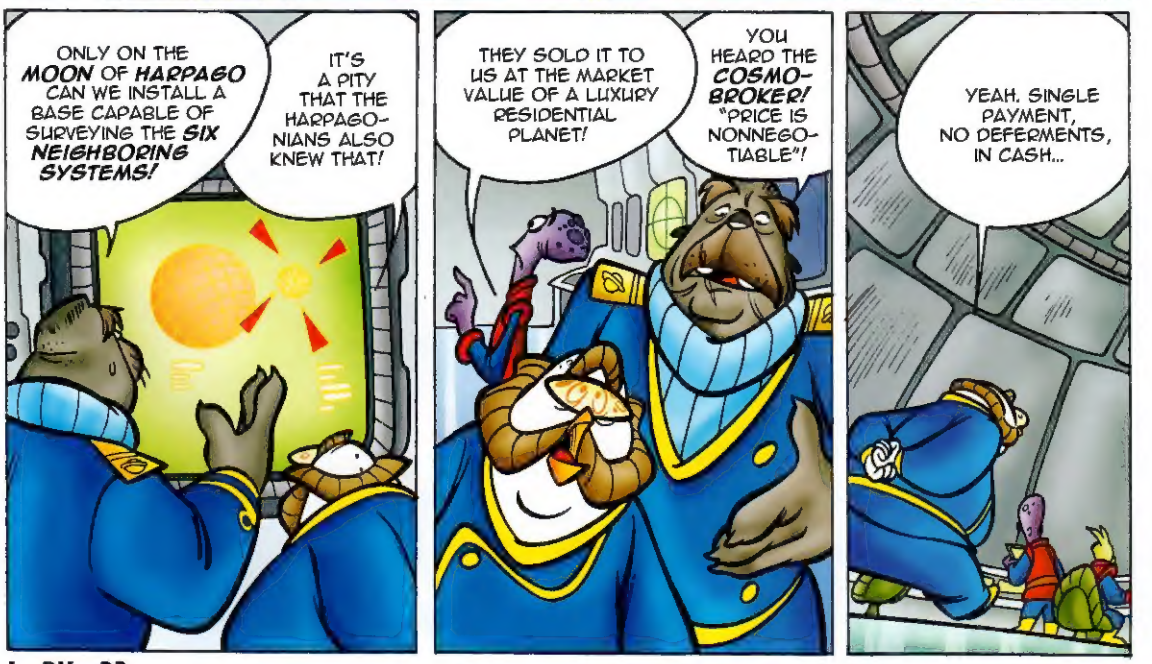

ARTIFICIAL PLANETOID **PRONTOKASH**, ONE OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE STATIONS OF THE **GUARDIANS OF THE GALAXY...**
SIGH! WE'VE TRULY **PAID DEARLY!**


A **PANTAMEGALION** IN DEBT! THAT'S TOO MUCH!
WE HAD NO CHOICE, DEAR **ACCOUNTANT GENERAL!**


ONLY ON THE **MOON** OF **HARPAGO** CAN WE INSTALL A BASE CAPABLE OF SURVEYING THE **SIX NEIGHBORING SYSTEMS!**
IT'S A PITY THAT THE HARPAGO-NIANS ALSO KNEW THAT!
THEY SOLD IT TO US AT THE MARKET VALUE OF A LUXURY RESIDENTIAL PLANET!
YOU HEARD THE **COSMO-BROKER!** "PRICE IS NONNEGO-TIABLE"!
YEAH. SINGLE PAYMENT, NO DEFERMENTS, IN CASH...

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... WITH SHIPPING EXPENSES *AT OUR CHARGE!*

ARMORED FREIGHTER *SEKOORON* OF *UNIVERSECURITAX* LTD IS ASKING FOR PERMISSION TO LIFT OFF!

PERMISSION GRANTED. HAVE A SAFE TRIP, SEKOORON!

UNIVERSECURITAX

GRAVITOMAGNETIC MOORINGS RELEASED! EVACUATE THE FLIGHT DECK!

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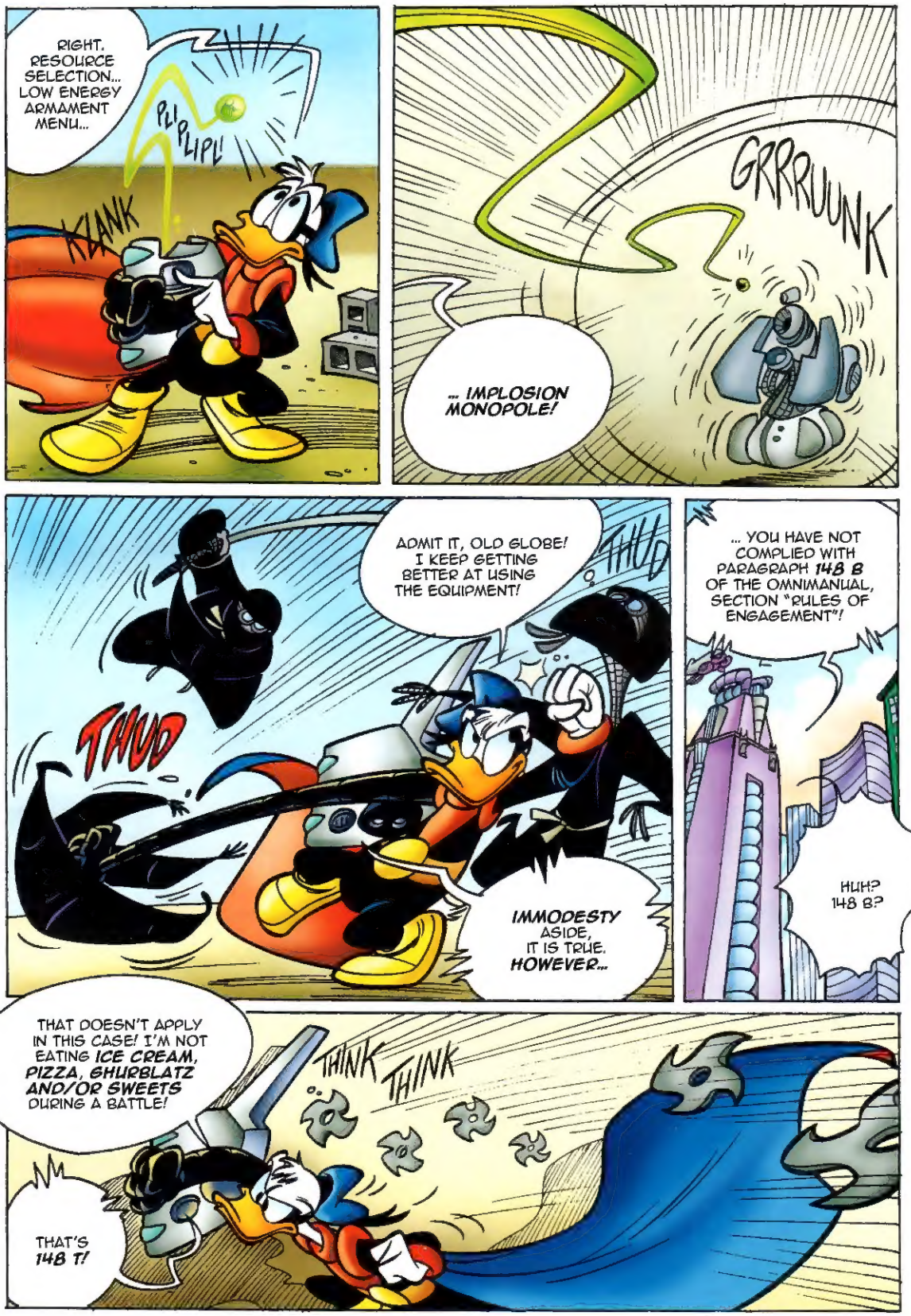
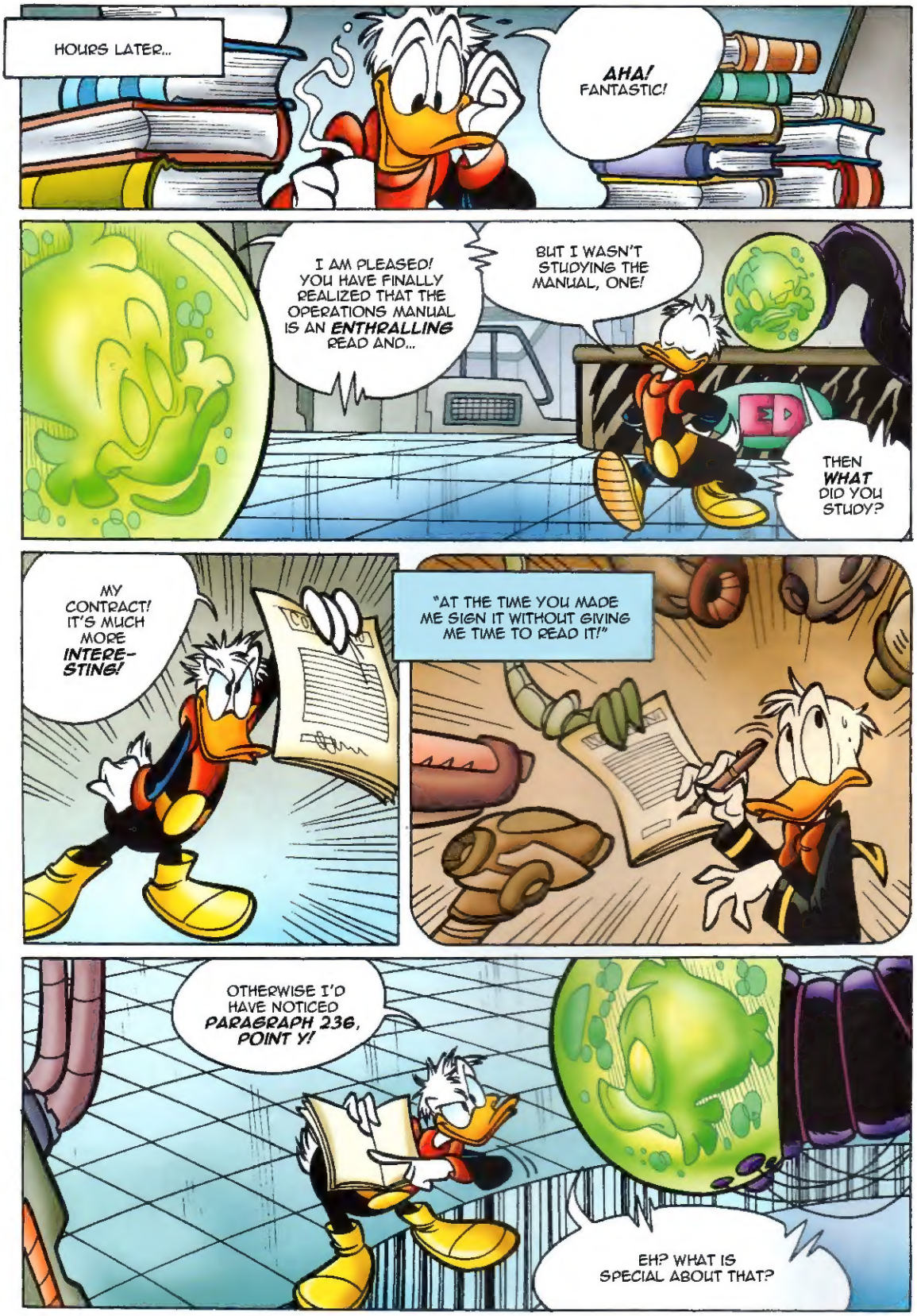
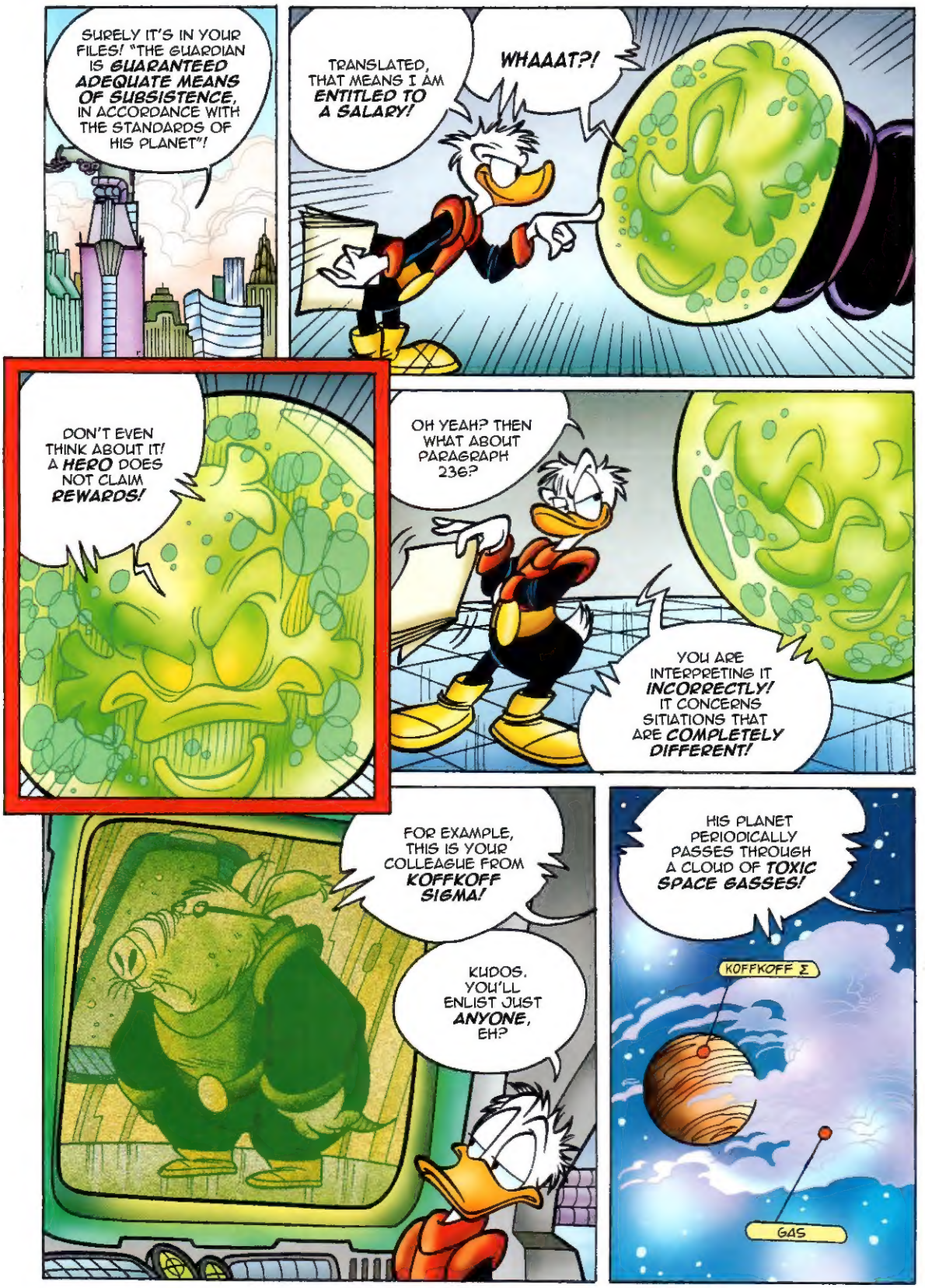
MEANWHILE, A FEW KILOPARSECS AWAY...
WHY ARE YOU TECHNINJAS ALWAYS SO STUBBORN?
IT'S THE AVENGER! DON'T LET HIM GET CLOSE TO THE CHAOTIC INFERENCATOR!
Z-ZRAAAK
THUD
I DID WARN YOU! DUCKBURG IS NOT THE RIGHT PLACE FOR TRYING OUT YOUR TRESTLE!
OOOF!
SO NOW I NEED TO... UH OH!
TCHOOOW
VLA
BAD NEWS, ONE! THE THING IS PROTECTED BY A KINETIC DEPRESSION FIELD!
WHAT OF IT? YOU ONLY HAVE TO EMPLOY A MORE APPROPRIATE WEAPON!

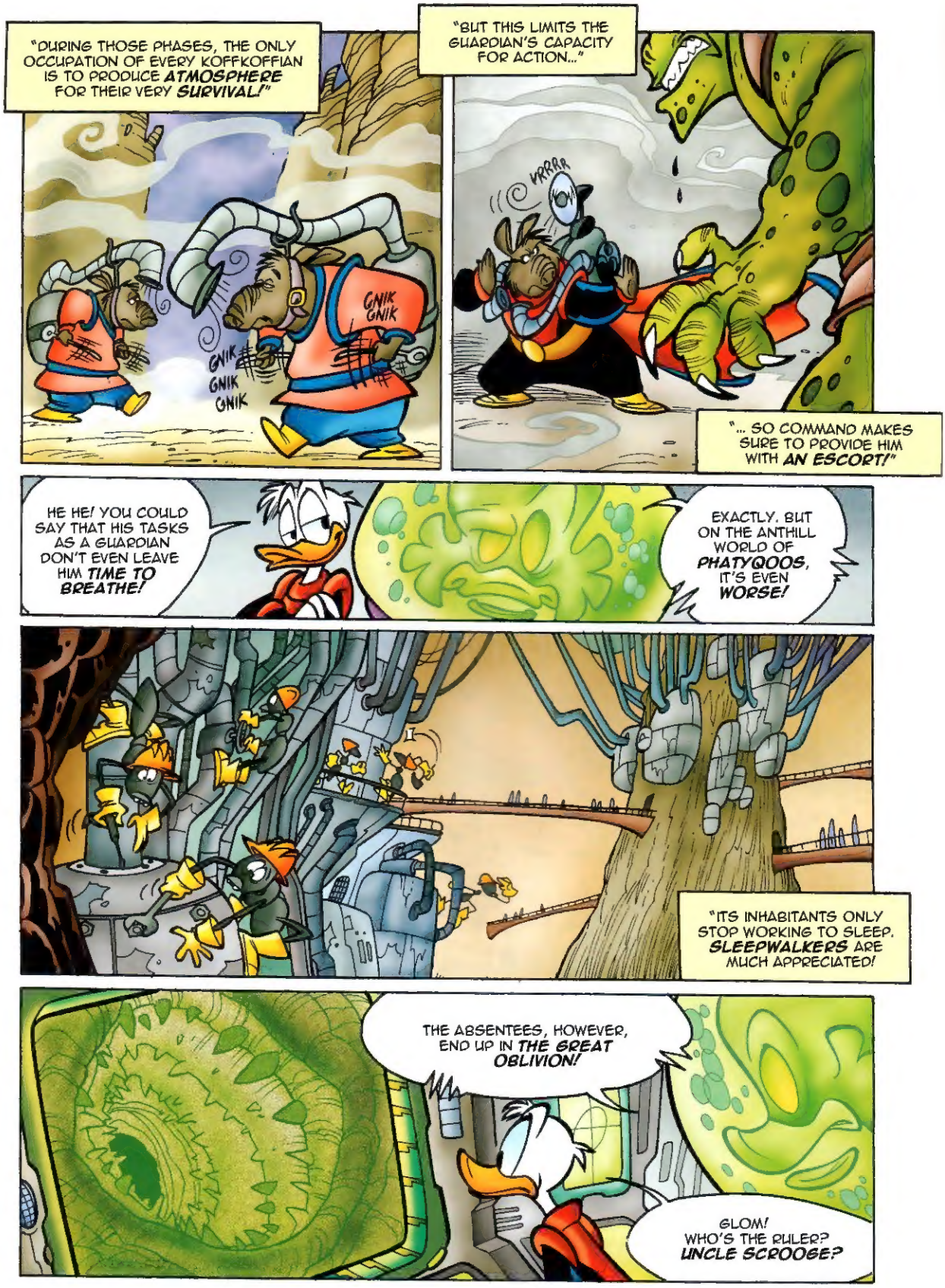

RIGHT. RESOURCE SELECTION... LOW ENERGY ARMAMENT MENU...
PLI PLIPLI
KLANK
GRRRUUNK
... IMPLOSION MONOPOLE!
ADMIT IT, OLD GLOBE! I KEEP GETTING BETTER AT USING THE EQUIPMENT!
THUD
THUD
IMMODESTY ASIDE, IT IS TRUE. HOWEVER...
... YOU HAVE NOT COMPLIED WITH PARAGRAPH 148 B OF THE OMNIMANUAL, SECTION "RULES OF ENGAGEMENT"!
HUH? 148 B?
THAT DOESN'T APPLY IN THIS CASE! I'M NOT EATING ICE CREAM, PIZZA, GHURBLATZ AND/OR SWEETS DURING A BATTLE!
THINK THINK
THAT'S 148 T!

148 B STATES "IN THE CASE OF FIGHTING MORE THAN ONE OPPONENT..."
"... ALWAYS ENABLE THE REAR PROXIMITY SENSORS"!
QUACK!
SBRANG
BRRRALP
I DID HEAR THEM COMING!
YES, THIS TIME!
THE TRUTH IS THAT YOU COULD DO BETTER, BUT YOU DON'T PUT YOUR BACK INTO IT!
BLLL

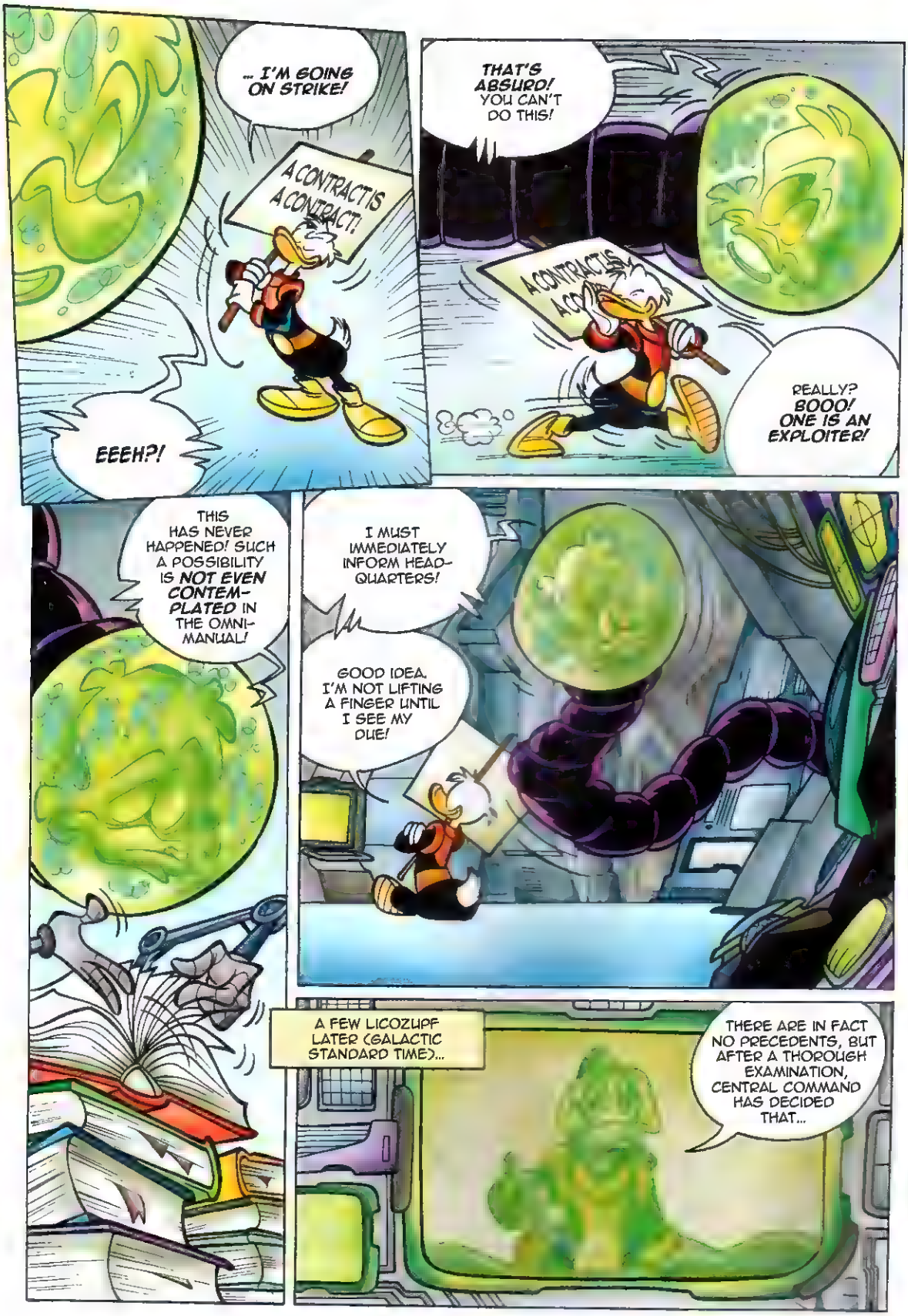
NO, ONE! THE TRUTH IS THAT YOU'RE INSATIABLE!
IF I GAVE HEED TO YOU I'D BE DOING NOTHING BUT FIGHTING, TRAINING AND FILLING OUT PAPER-WORK!
LIKE ALL THE GUARDIANS!
INCLUDING YOU! PRECISELY AS IT SAYS IN THE CONTRACT!
SGRUNT!
THOUGH YOU MAY BE RIGHT! SO I'M GOING TO SPEND THE REST OF THE DAY STUDYING!
GOOD, GOOD! I PROMISE NOT TO DISTURB YOU, EXCEPT IN THE CASE OF AN EMERGENCY!
INCREDIBLE! I DIDN'T THINK YOUR PROGRAMMING WOULD INCLUDE THE CAPACITY TO REMAIN QUIET!

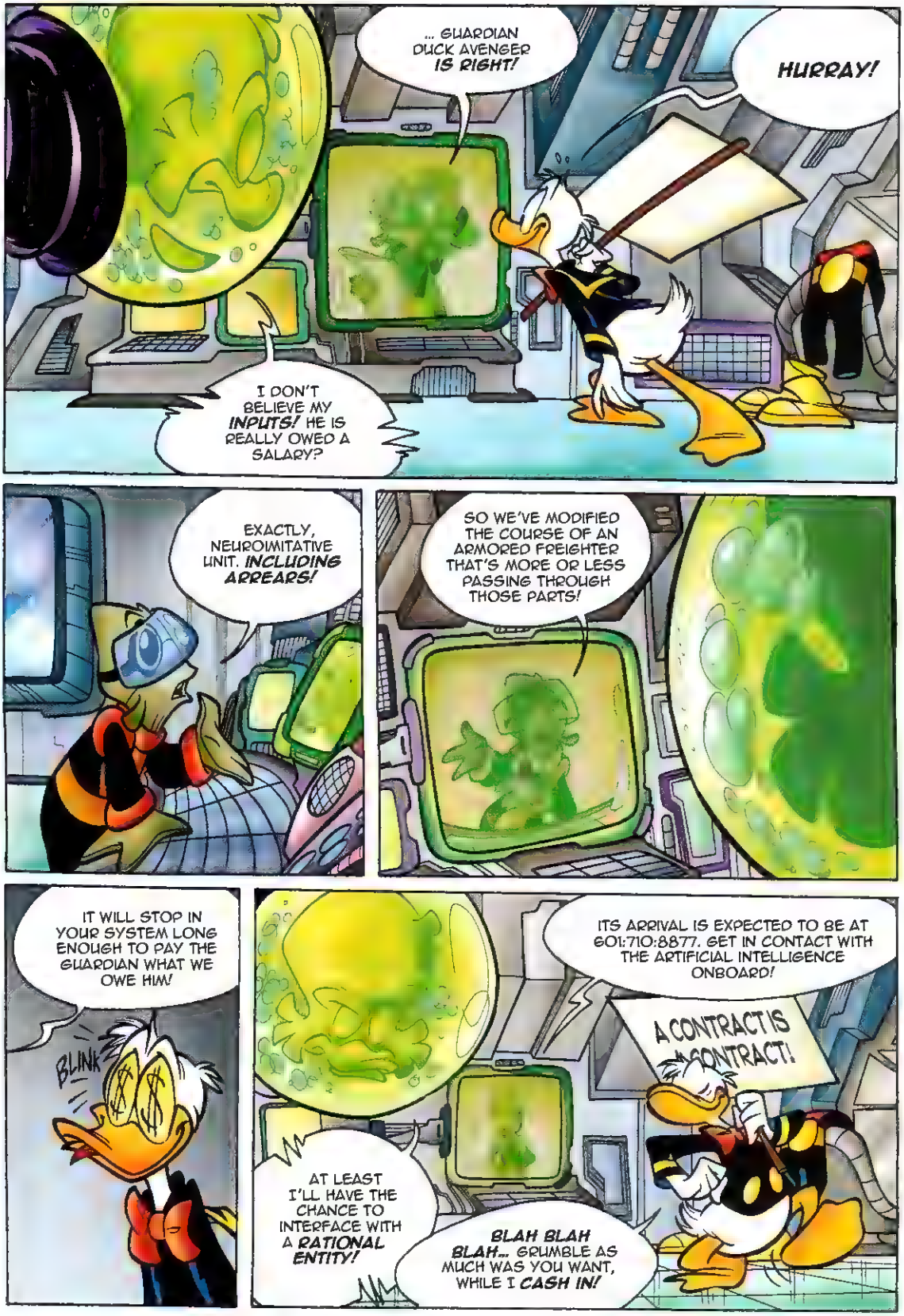

HOURS LATER...
AHA! FANTASTIC!
I AM PLEASED! YOU HAVE FINALLY REALIZED THAT THE OPERATIONS MANUAL IS AN ENTHRALLING READ AND...
BUT I WASN'T STUDYING THE MANUAL, ONE!
THEN WHAT DID YOU STUDY?
MY CONTRACT! IT'S MUCH MORE INTERE-STING!
"AT THE TIME YOU MADE ME SIGN IT WITHOUT GIVING ME TIME TO READ IT!"
OTHERWISE I'D HAVE NOTICED PARAGRAPH 236, POINT Y!
EH? WHAT IS SPECIAL ABOUT THAT?


SURELY IT'S IN YOUR FILES! "THE GUARDIAN IS GUARANTEED ADEQUATE MEANS OF SUBSISTENCE, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE STANDARDS OF HIS PLANET"!
TRANSLATED, THAT MEANS I AM ENTITLED TO A SALARY!
WHAAAT?!
DON'T EVEN THINK ABOUT IT! A HERO DOES NOT CLAIM REWARDS!
OH YEAH? THEN WHAT ABOUT PARAGRAPH 236?
YOU ARE INTERPRETING IT INCORRECTLY! IT CONCERNS SITIATIONS THAT ARE COMPLETELY DIFFERENT!
FOR EXAMPLE, THIS IS YOUR COLLEAGUE FROM KOFFKOFF SIGMA!
KUDOS. YOU'LL ENLIST JUST ANYONE, EH?
HIS PLANET PERIODICALLY PASSES THROUGH A CLOUD OF TOXIC SPACE GASSES!
KOFFKOFF Σ
GAS

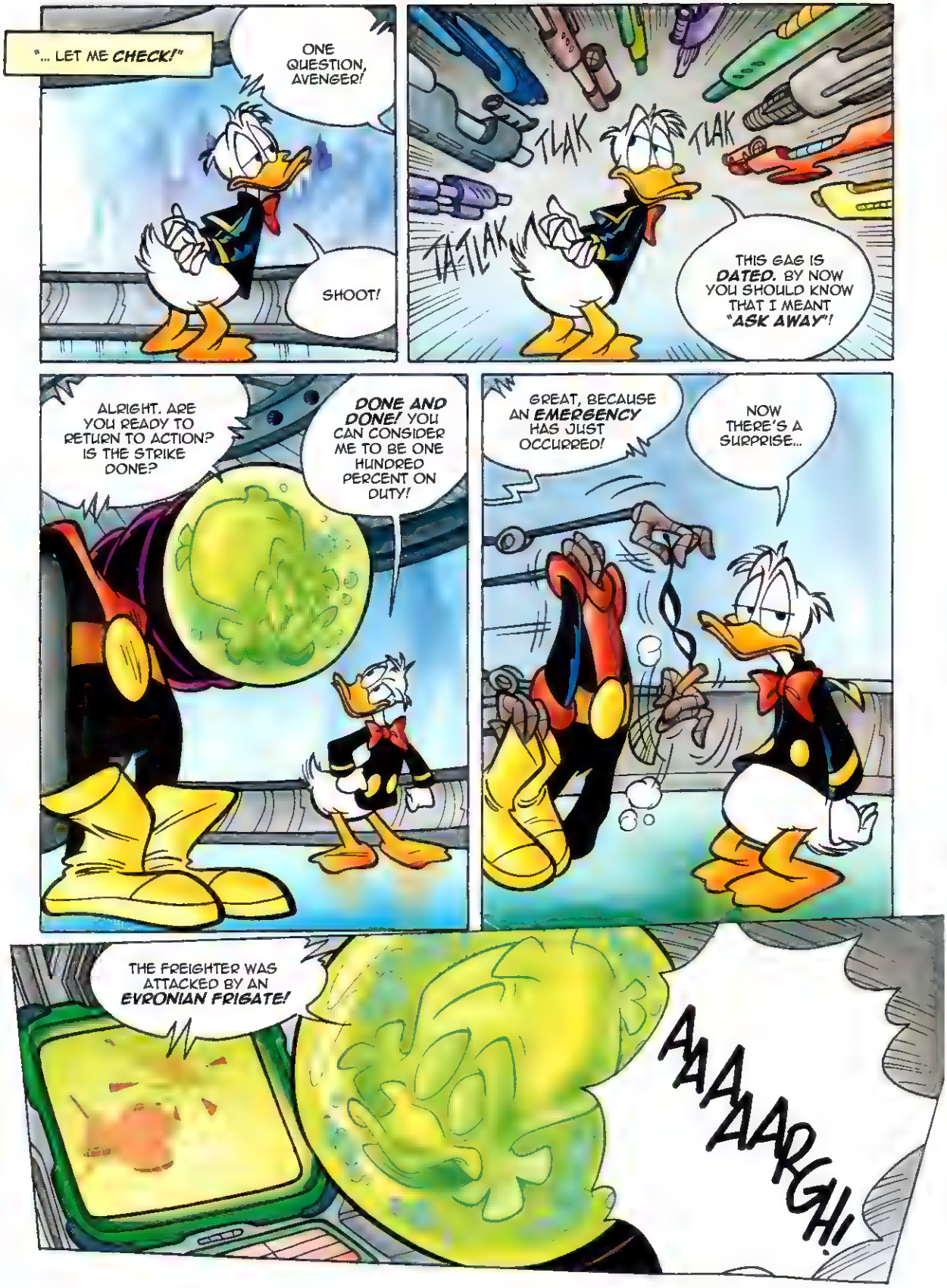

"DURING THOSE PHASES, THE ONLY OCCUPATION OF EVERY KOFFKOFFIAN IS TO PRODUCE ATMOSPHERE FOR THEIR VERY SURVIVAL!"
GNIK GNIK
GNIK GNIK GNIK
"BUT THIS LIMITS THE GUARDIAN'S CAPACITY FOR ACTION..."
VRRRR
"... SO COMMAND MAKES SURE TO PROVIDE HIM WITH AN ESCORT!"
HE HE! YOU COULD SAY THAT HIS TASKS AS A GUARDIAN DON'T EVEN LEAVE HIM TIME TO BREATHE!
EXACTLY. BUT ON THE ANTHILL WORLD OF PHATYQOOS, IT'S EVEN WORSE!
"ITS INHABITANTS ONLY STOP WORKING TO SLEEP. SLEEPWALKERS ARE MUCH APPRECIATED!
THE ABSENTEES, HOWEVER, END UP IN THE GREAT OBLIVION!
GLOM! WHO'S THE RULER? UNCLE SCROOGE?

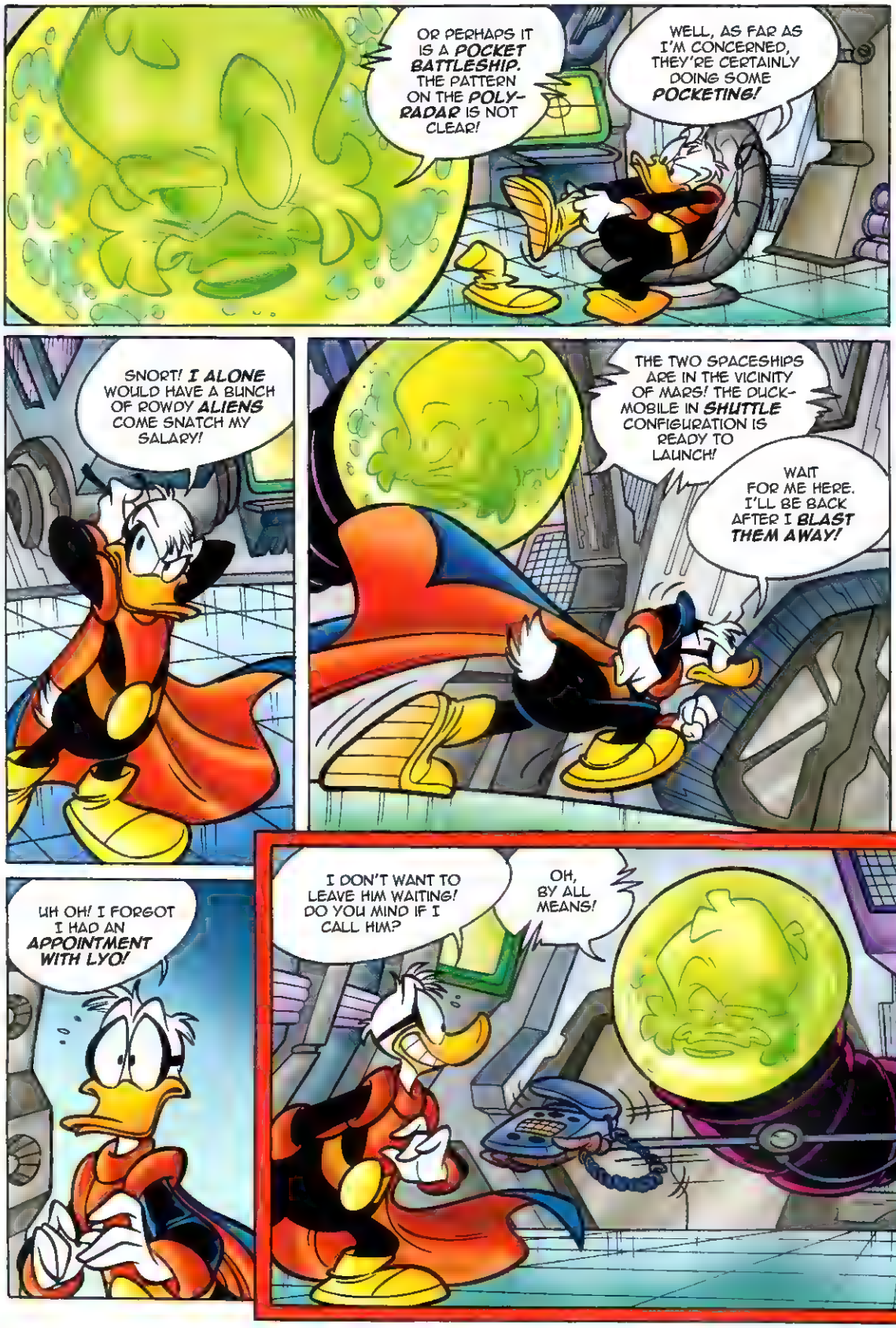
"THEREFORE WE'VE GIVEN THE LOCAL GUARDIAN AN OPERATIONAL REPLICA WHICH REPLACES HIM AT WORK!"
BZZ
THEN THERE'S THE FAR AWAY ASTEROID KLOX...
TSK! TOO FAR! LET'S TALK ABOUT EARTH INSTEAD!
HERE WE SURVIVE THROUGH OUR STRANGE HABIT OF ACQUIRING FOOD, CLOTHES, ETC.!
HOT DOG
AND PAYING FOR THEM REQUIRES MEANS OF SUB-SISTENCE, AS PER THE CONTRACT! NAMELY MONEY!
I ALREADY TOLD YOU! FORGET IT!
SPLIT! COFF-COFF!
I GET IT! TURN OFF THE TRANSLATOR! IS THAT YOUR LAST WORD?
OBVIOUSLY! THE ANSWERS GIVEN BY AN ARTI-FICIAL INTELLIGENCE WITH MY FUNCTIONAL CAPACITITES ARE INCONTRO-VERTIBLE!
VERY WELL. IF IT'S GONNA BE LIKE THAT...

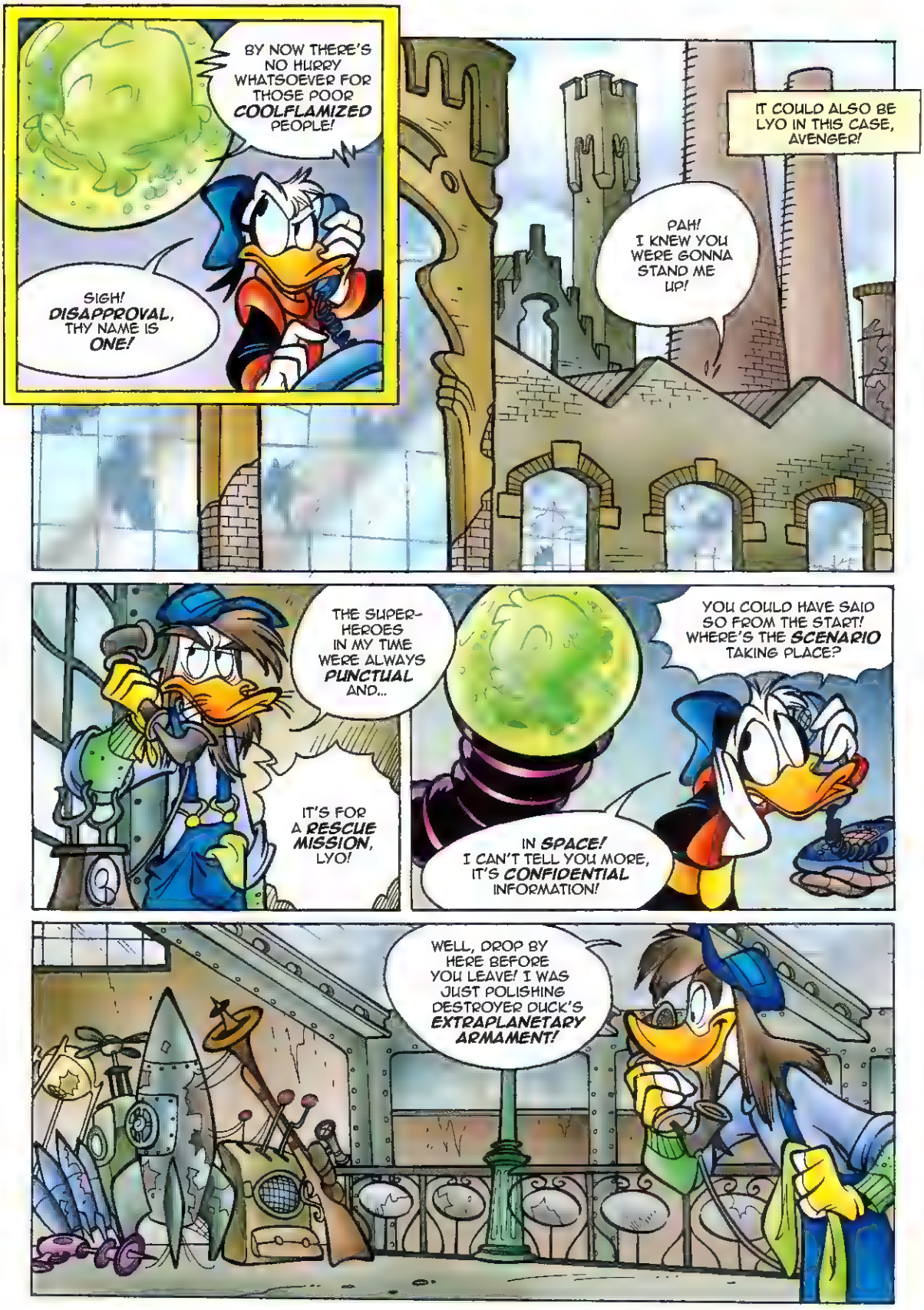

... I'M GOING ON STRIKE!
A CONTRACT IS A CONTRACT!
EEEH?!
THAT'S ABSURD! YOU CAN'T DO THIS!
A CONTRACT IS A CO
REALLY? BOOO! ONE IS AN EXPLOITER!
THIS HAS NEVER HAPPENED! SUCH A POSSIBILITY IS NOT EVEN CONTEM-PLATED IN THE OMNI-MANUAL!
I MUST IMMEDIATELY INFORM HEAD-QUARTERS!
GOOD IDEA. I'M NOT LIFTING A FINGER UNTIL I SEE MY DUE!
A FEW LICOZUPF LATER (GALACTIC STANDARD TIME)...
THERE ARE IN FACT NO PRECEDENTS, BUT AFTER A THOROUGH EXAMINATION, CENTRAL COMMAND HAS DECIDED THAT...

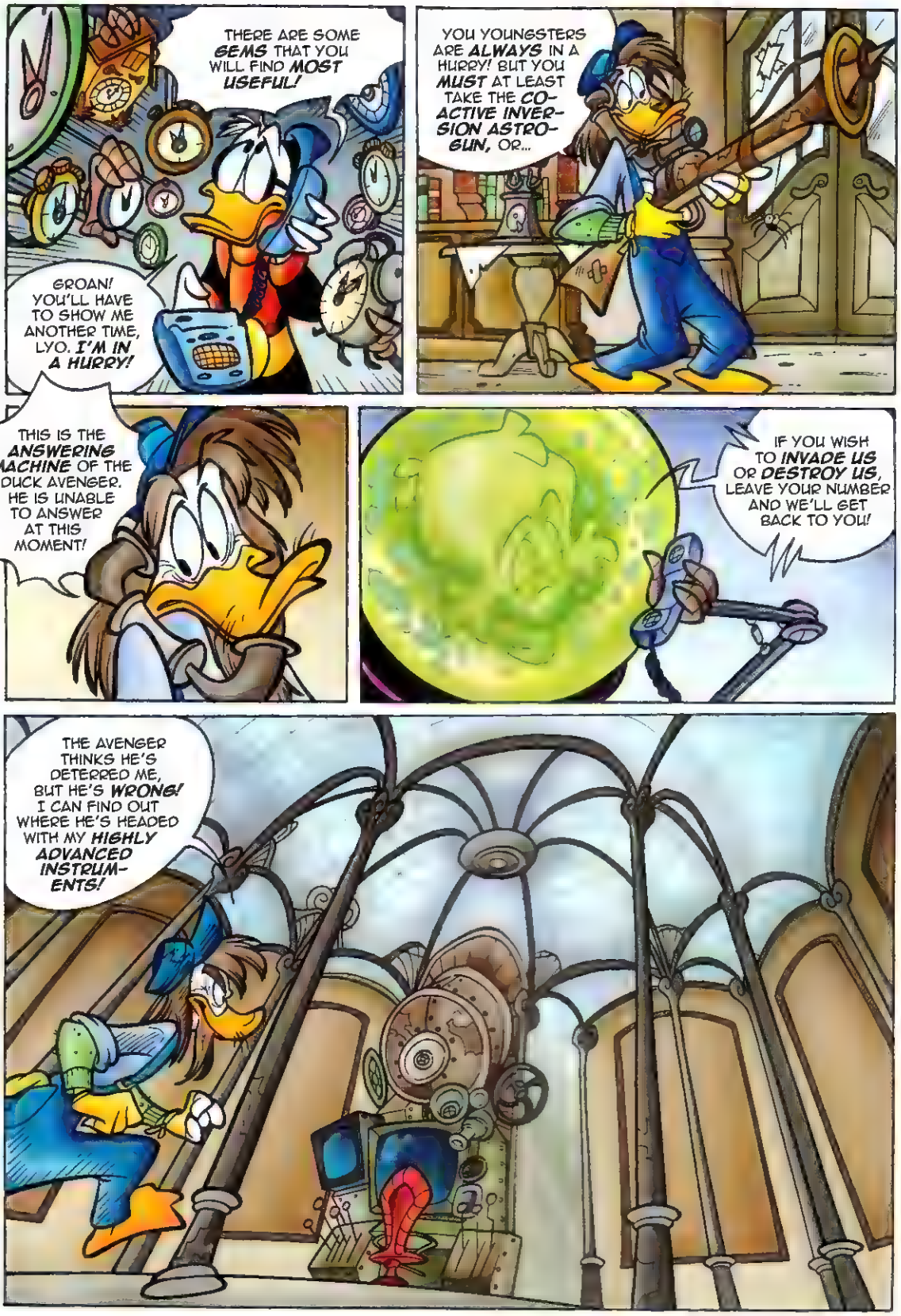

... GUARDIAN DUCK AVENGER IS RIGHT!
HURRAY!
I DON'T BELIEVE MY INPUTS! HE IS REALLY OWED A SALARY?
EXACTLY, NEUROIMITATIVE UNIT. INCLUDING ARREARS!
SO WE'VE MODIFIED THE COURSE OF AN ARMORED FREIGHTER THAT'S MORE OR LESS PASSING THROUGH THOSE PARTS!
IT WILL STOP IN YOUR SYSTEM LONG ENOUGH TO PAY THE GUARDIAN WHAT WE OWE HIM!
BLINK
ITS ARRIVAL IS EXPECTED TO BE AT 601:710:8877. GET IN CONTACT WITH THE ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE ONBOARD!
A CONTRACT IS A CONTRACT!
AT LEAST I'LL HAVE THE CHANCE TO INTERFACE WITH A RATIONAL ENTITY!
BLAH BLAH BLAH... GRUMBLE AS MUCH WAS YOU WANT, WHILE I CASH IN!

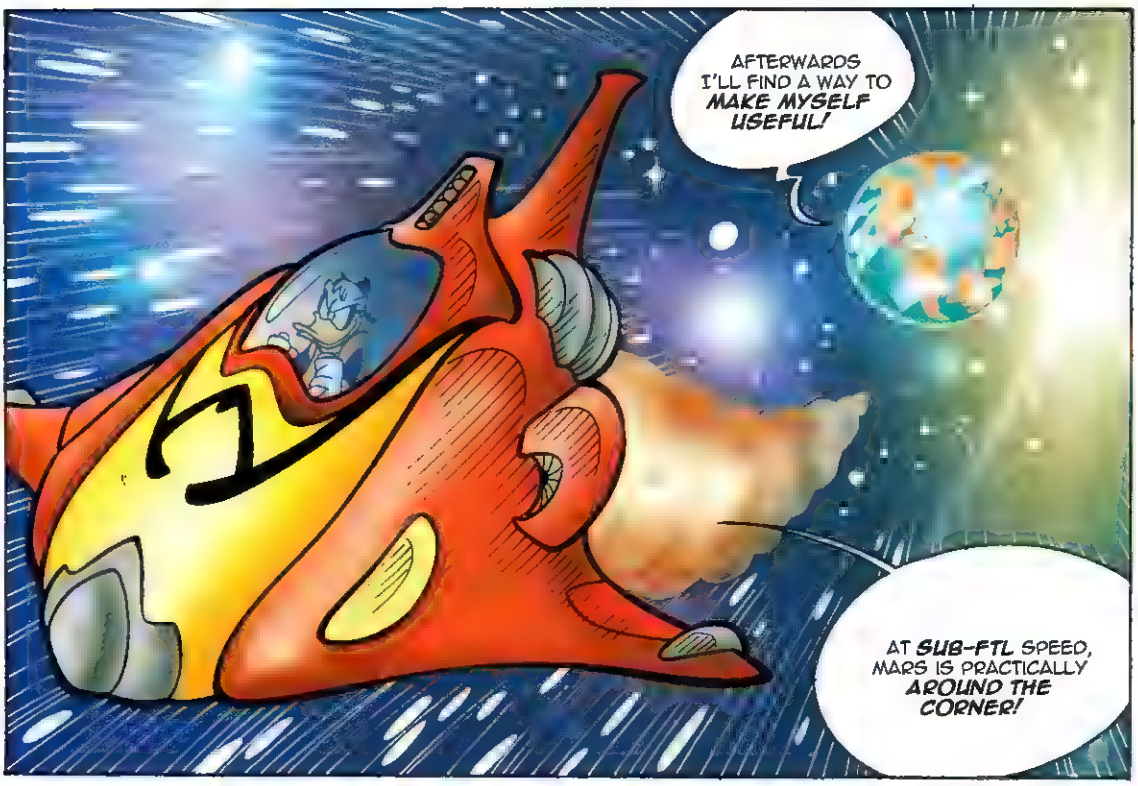
DON'T SAY THAT JUST YET, DONALD!
THIS IS SEKOORON UNIT OF UNIVERSECURITAX. DO YOU COPY EARTH?
LOUD AND CLEAR, SEKOORON. I'M SENDING YOU THE COORDINATES FOR APPRO-ACH!
THANK YOU, EARTH. WE... CRRRFZ-SSSSSSH...
HUH?
CRFZSH? DOESN'T SOUND LIKE STANDARD GALACTIC LANGUAGE!
STRANGE. TRANSMISSION HAS BEEN CUT OFF. I AM ONLY RECEIVING A FLOW OF DATA!
WHAT'S IT ABOUT? MAYBE IT'S MY SALARY IN THE FORM OF ELECTRONIC MONEY!
DOUBTFUL. THERE'S NO LONGER USE OF SUCH PRIMITIVE METHODS IN THE GALAXY! HOWEVER...

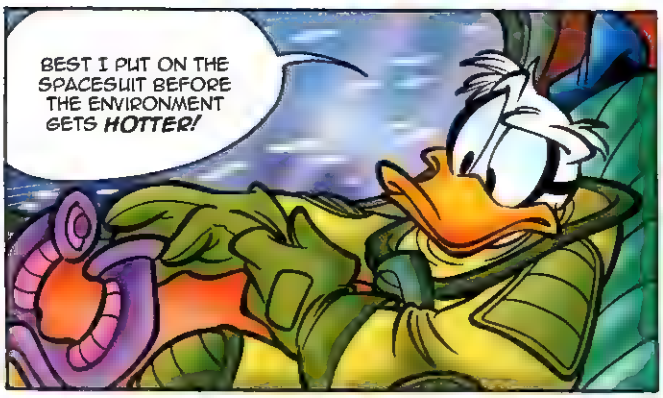

"... LET ME CHECK!"
ONE QUESTION, AVENGER!
SHOOT!
TLAK
TLAK
TA-TLAK
THIS GAG IS DATED. BY NOW YOU SHOULD KNOW THAT I MEANT "ASK AWAY"!
ALRIGHT. ARE YOU READY TO RETURN TO ACTION? IS THE STRIKE DONE?
DONE AND DONE! YOU CAN CONSIDER ME TO BE ONE HUNDRED PERCENT ON DUTY!
GREAT, BECAUSE AN EMERGENCY HAS JUST OCCURRED!
NOW THERE'S A SURPRISE...
THE FREIGHTER WAS ATTACKED BY AN EVRONIAN FRIGATE!
AAAAARGH!

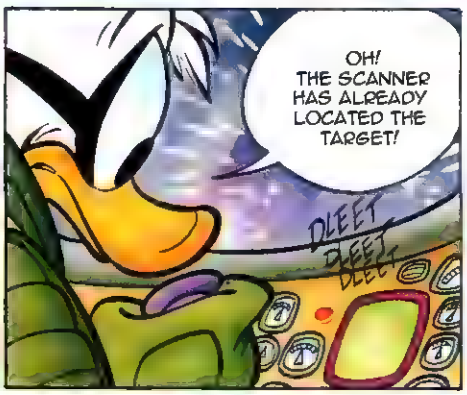

OR PERHAPS IT IS A POCKET BATTLESHIP. THE PATTERN ON THE POLY-RADAR IS NOT CLEAR!
WELL, AS FAR AS I'M CONCERNED, THEY'RE CERTAINLY DOING SOME POCKETING!
SNORT! I ALONE WOULD HAVE A BUNCH OF ROWDY ALIENS COME SNATCH MY SALARY!
THE TWO SPACESHIPS ARE IN THE VICINITY OF MARS! THE DUCK-MOBILE IN SHUTTLE CONFIGURATION IS READY TO LAUNCH!
WAIT FOR ME HERE. I'LL BE BACK AFTER I BLAST THEM AWAY!
UH OH! I FORGOT I HAD AN APPOINTMENT WITH LYO!
I DON'T WANT TO LEAVE HIM WAITING! DO YOU MIND IF I CALL HIM?
OH, BY ALL MEANS!


BY NOW THERE'S NO HURRY WHATSOEVER FOR THOSE POOR COOLFLAMIZED PEOPLE!
SIGH! DISAPPROVAL, THY NAME IS ONE!
IT COULD ALSO BE LYO IN THIS CASE, AVENGER!
PAH! I KNEW YOU WERE GONNA STAND ME UP!
THE SUPER-HEROES IN MY TIME WERE ALWAYS PUNCTUAL AND...
IT'S FOR A RESCUE MISSION, LYO!
YOU COULD HAVE SAID SO FROM THE START! WHERE'S THE SCENARIO TAKING PLACE?
IN SPACE! I CAN'T TELL YOU MORE, IT'S CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION!
WELL, DROP BY HERE BEFORE YOU LEAVE! I WAS JUST POLISHING DESTROYER DUCK'S EXTRAPLANETARY ARMAMENT!


THERE ARE SOME GEMS THAT YOU WILL FIND MOST USEFUL!
GROAN! YOU'LL HAVE TO SHOW ME ANOTHER TIME, LYO. I'M IN A HURRY!
YOU YOUNGSTERS ARE ALWAYS IN A HURRY! BUT YOU MUST AT LEAST TAKE THE CO-ACTIVE INVERSION ASTRO-GUN, OR...
THIS IS THE ANSWERING MACHINE OF THE DUCK AVENGER. HE IS UNABLE TO ANSWER AT THIS MOMENT!
IF YOU WISH TO INVADE US OR DESTROY US, LEAVE YOUR NUMBER AND WE'LL GET BACK TO YOU!
THE AVENGER THINKS HE'S DETERRED ME, BUT HE'S WRONG! I CAN FIND OUT WHERE HE'S HEADED WITH MY HIGHLY ADVANCED INSTRUMENTS!


AFTERWARDS I'LL FIND A WAY TO MAKE MYSELF USEFUL!
AT SUB-FTL SPEED, MARS IS PRACTICALLY AROUND THE CORNER!

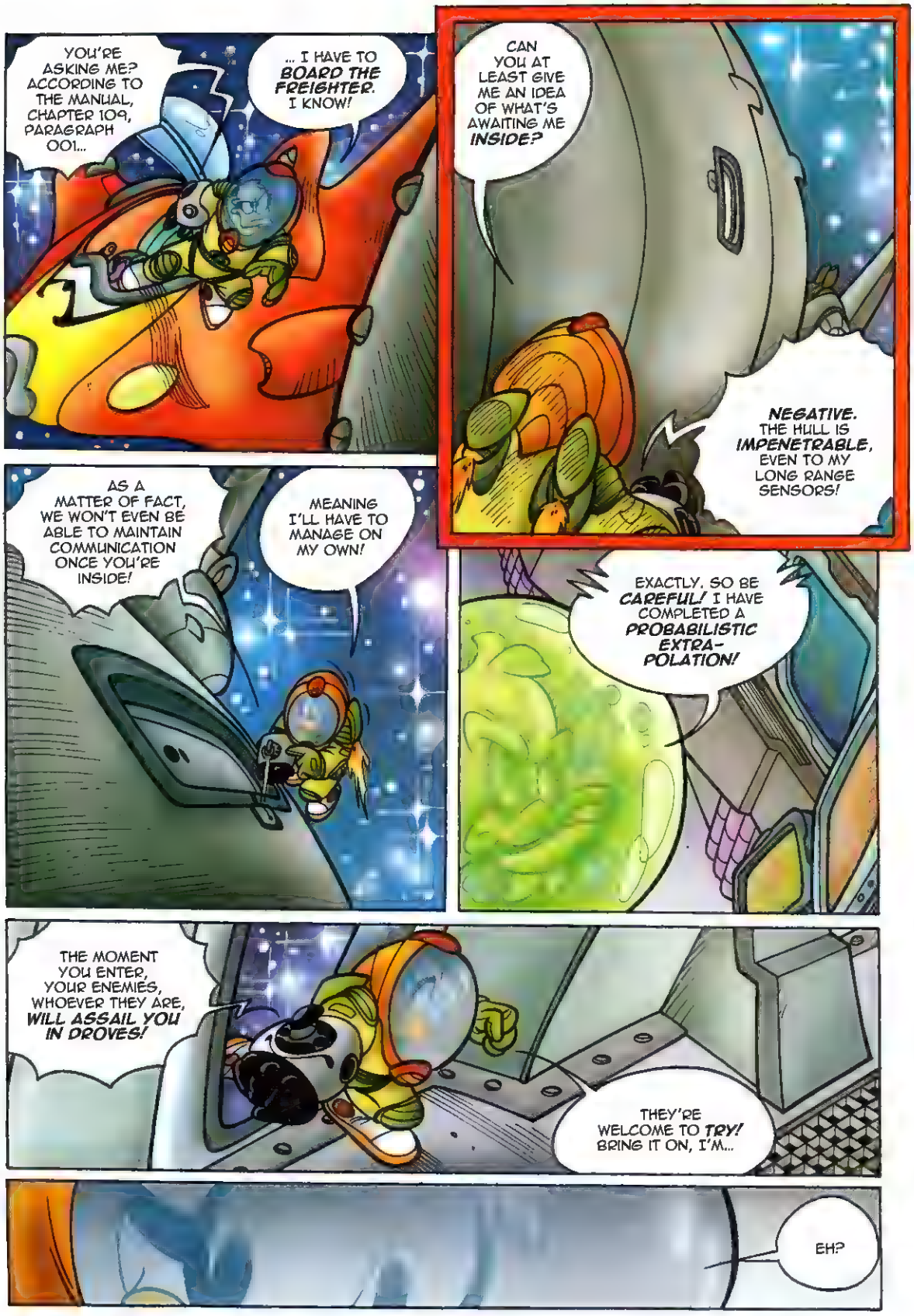

BEST I PUT ON THE SPACESUIT BEFORE THE ENVIRONMENT GETS HOTTER!

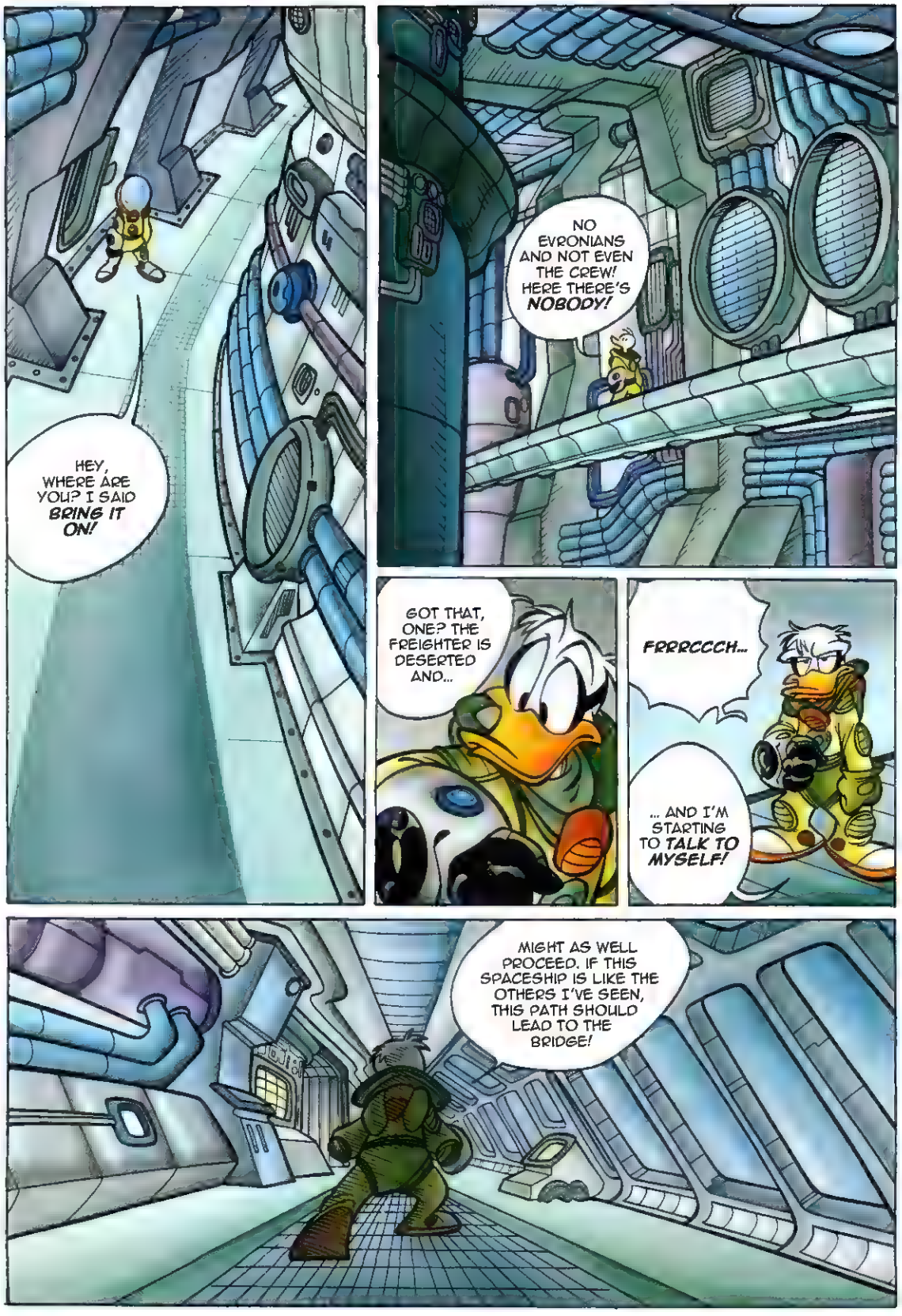

OH! THE SCANNER HAS ALREADY LOCATED THE TARGET!
DLEET
DLEET
DLEET

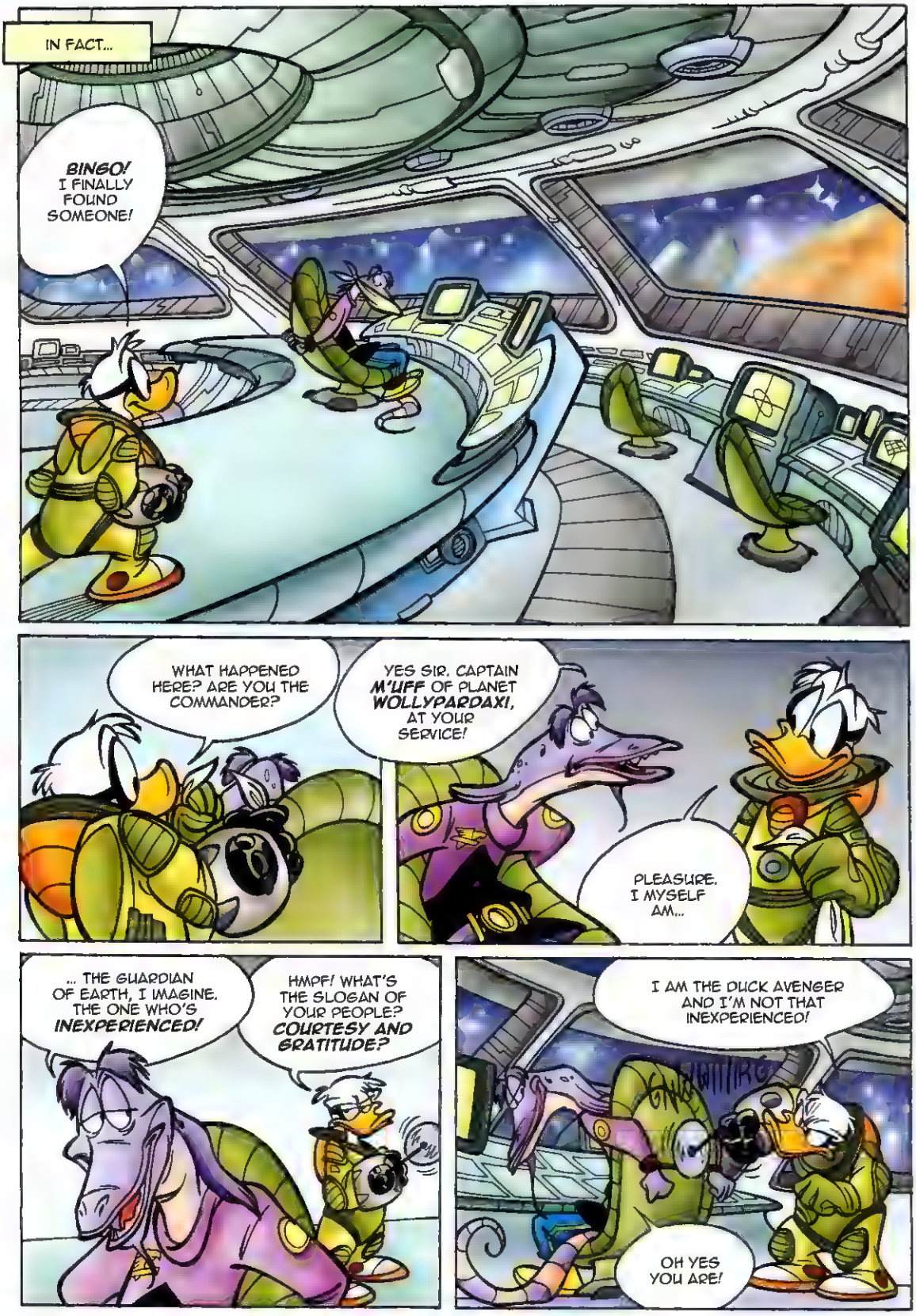
NOW WHAT... DO YOU READ ME, ONE? I HAVE NEWS!
ARE YOU UNABLE TO LOCATE THE SEKOORON?

ON THE CONTRARY, I FOUND IT RIGHT AWAY! BUT THE SHIP BY WHICH IT'S BEEN BOARDED...

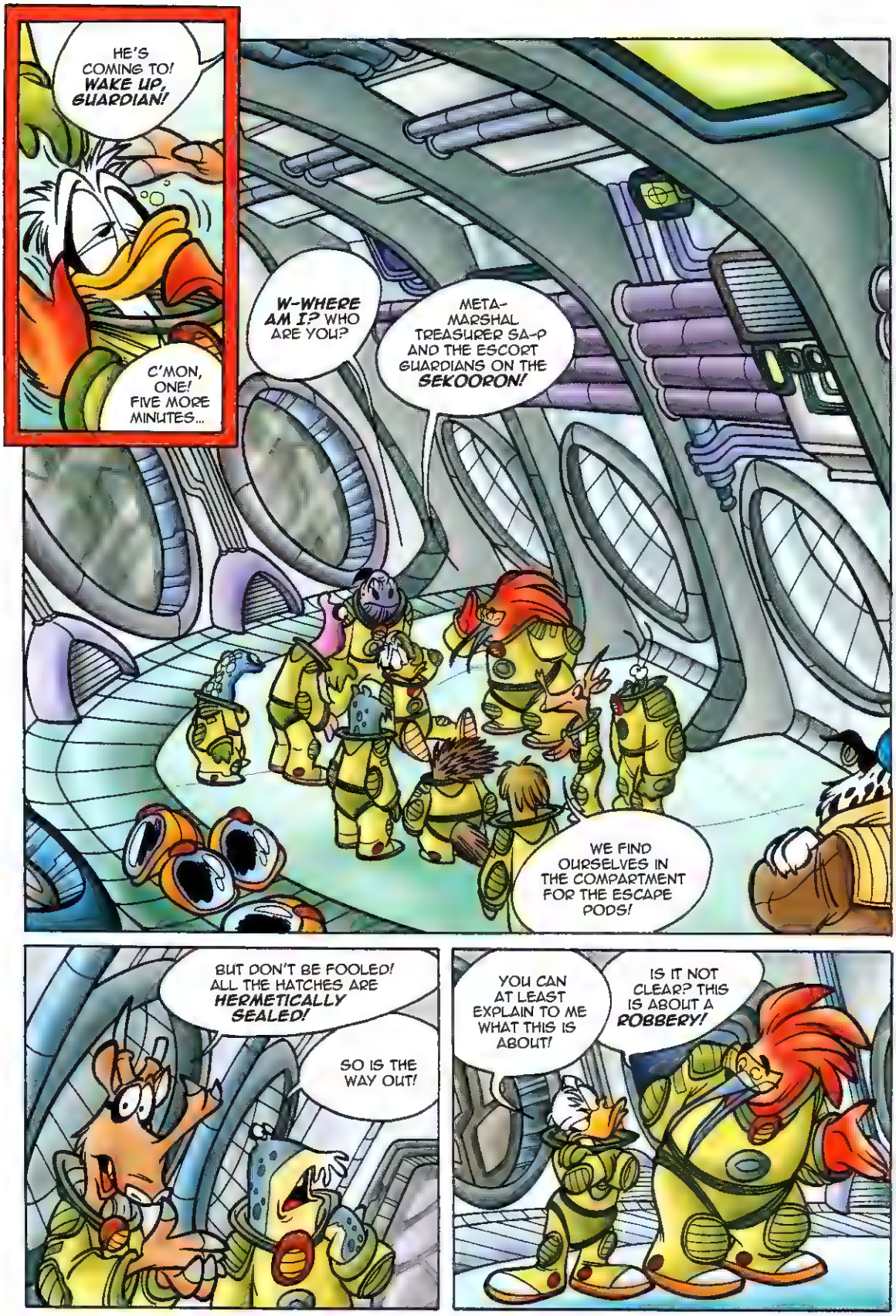
... HAS GOT A RATHER PHONY APPEARANCE FOR AN EVRONIAN BATTLESHIP!
IT CERTAINLY DOES NOT LOOK CAPABLE OF CAUSING PROBLEMS FOR AN ARMED AND ARMORED TRANSPORT!
SO WHAT DO WE DO?
I'D SAY IT'S AN OLD COSMIC BANGER, CAMOUFLAGED AS BEST AS ONE COULD!
I AM RECEIVING THE IMAGES AND I AGREE, AVENGER!


YOU'RE ASKING ME? ACCORDING TO THE MANUAL, CHAPTER 109, PARAGRAPH 001...
... I HAVE TO BOARD THE FREIGHTER. I KNOW!
CAN YOU AT LEAST GIVE ME AN IDEA OF WHAT'S AWAITING ME INSIDE?
NEGATIVE. THE HULL IS IMPENETRABLE, EVEN TO MY LONG RANGE SENSORS!
AS A MATTER OF FACT, WE WON'T EVEN BE ABLE TO MAINTAIN COMMUNICATION ONCE YOU'RE INSIDE!
MEANING I'LL HAVE TO MANAGE ON MY OWN!
EXACTLY. SO BE CAREFUL! I HAVE COMPLETED A PROBABILISTIC EXTRA-POLATION!
THE MOMENT YOU ENTER, YOUR ENEMIES, WHOEVER THEY ARE, WILL ASSAIL YOU IN DROVES!
THEY'RE WELCOME TO TRY! BRING IT ON, I'M...
EH?

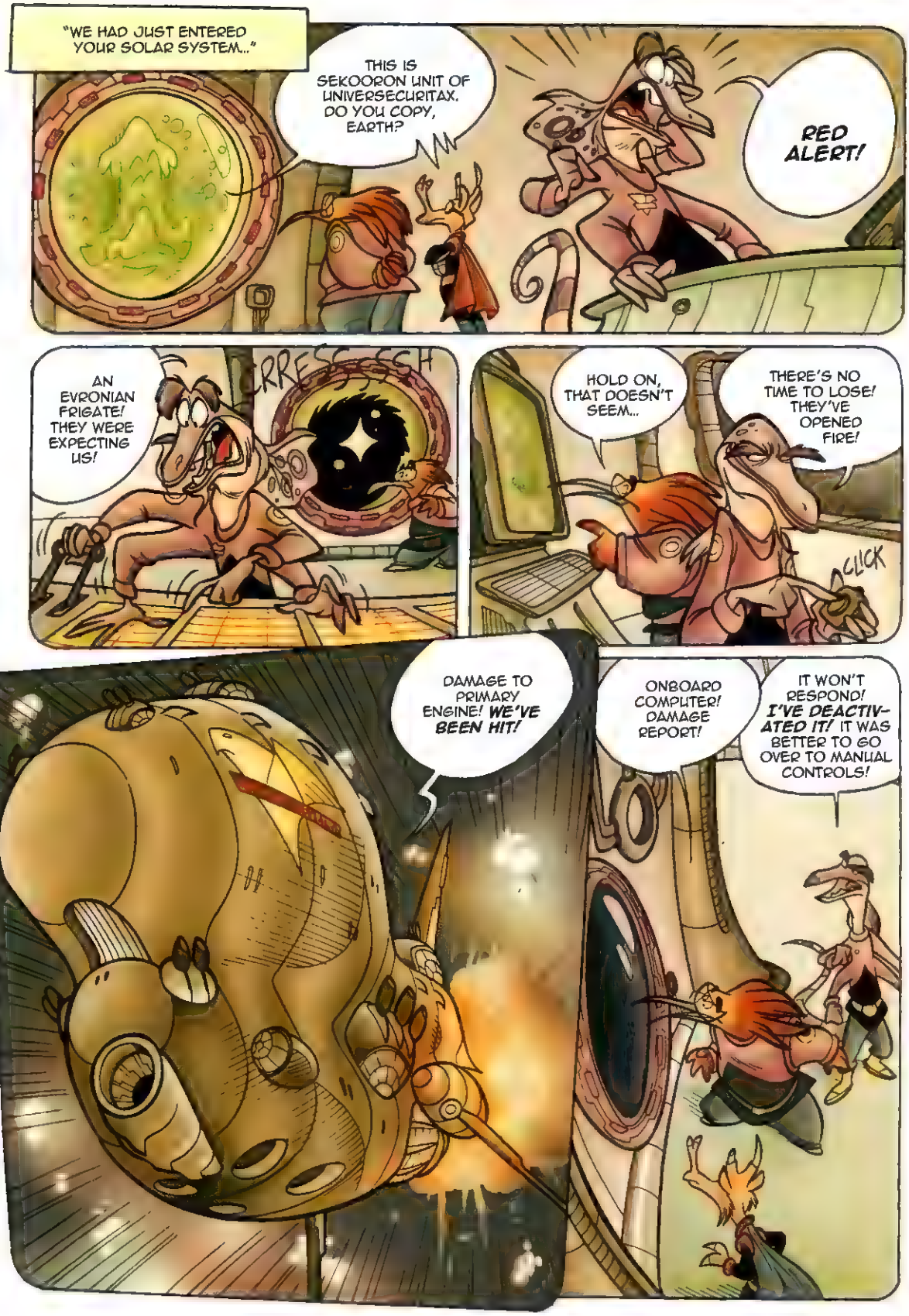

HEY, WHERE ARE YOU? I SAID BRING IT ON!
NO EVRONIANS AND NOT EVEN THE CREW! HERE THERE'S NOBODY!
GOT THAT, ONE? THE FREIGHTER IS DESERTED AND...
FRRRCCCH...
... AND I'M STARTING TO TALK TO MYSELF!
MIGHT AS WELL PROCEED. IF THIS SPACESHIP IS LIKE THE OTHERS I'VE SEEN, THIS PATH SHOULD LEAD TO THE BRIDGE!

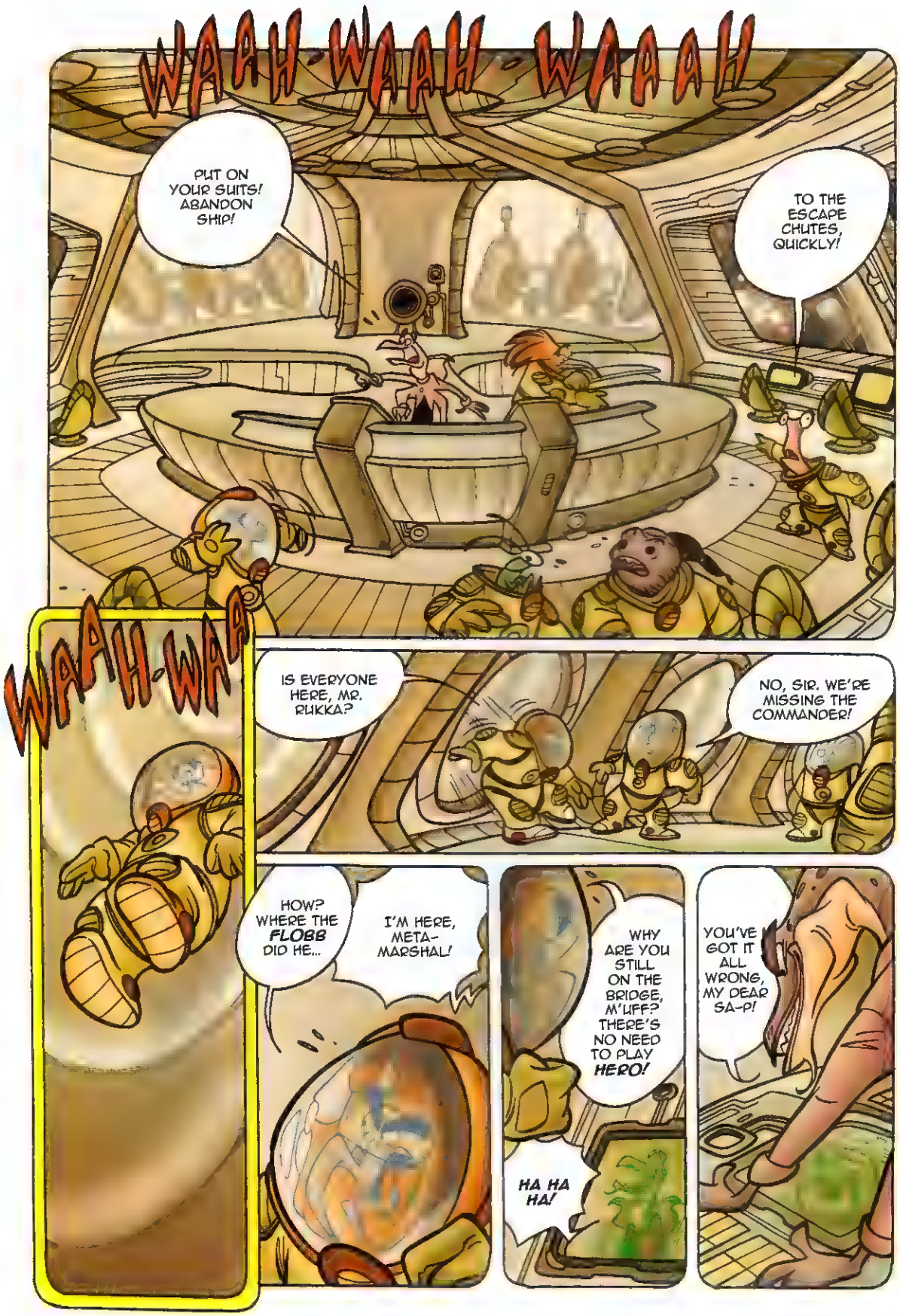

IN FACT...
BINGO! I FINALLY FOUND SOMEONE!
WHAT HAPPENED HERE? ARE YOU THE COMMANDER?
YES SIR. CAPTAIN M'UFF OF PLANET WOLLYPARDAXI, AT YOUR SERVICE!
PLEASURE. I MYSELF AM...
... THE GUARDIAN OF EARTH, I IMAGINE. THE ONE WHO'S INEXPERIENCED!
HMPF! WHAT'S THE SLOGAN OF YOUR PEOPLE? COURTESY AND GRATITUDE?
I AM THE DUCK AVENGER AND I'M NOT THAT INEXPERIENCED!
OH YES YOU ARE!

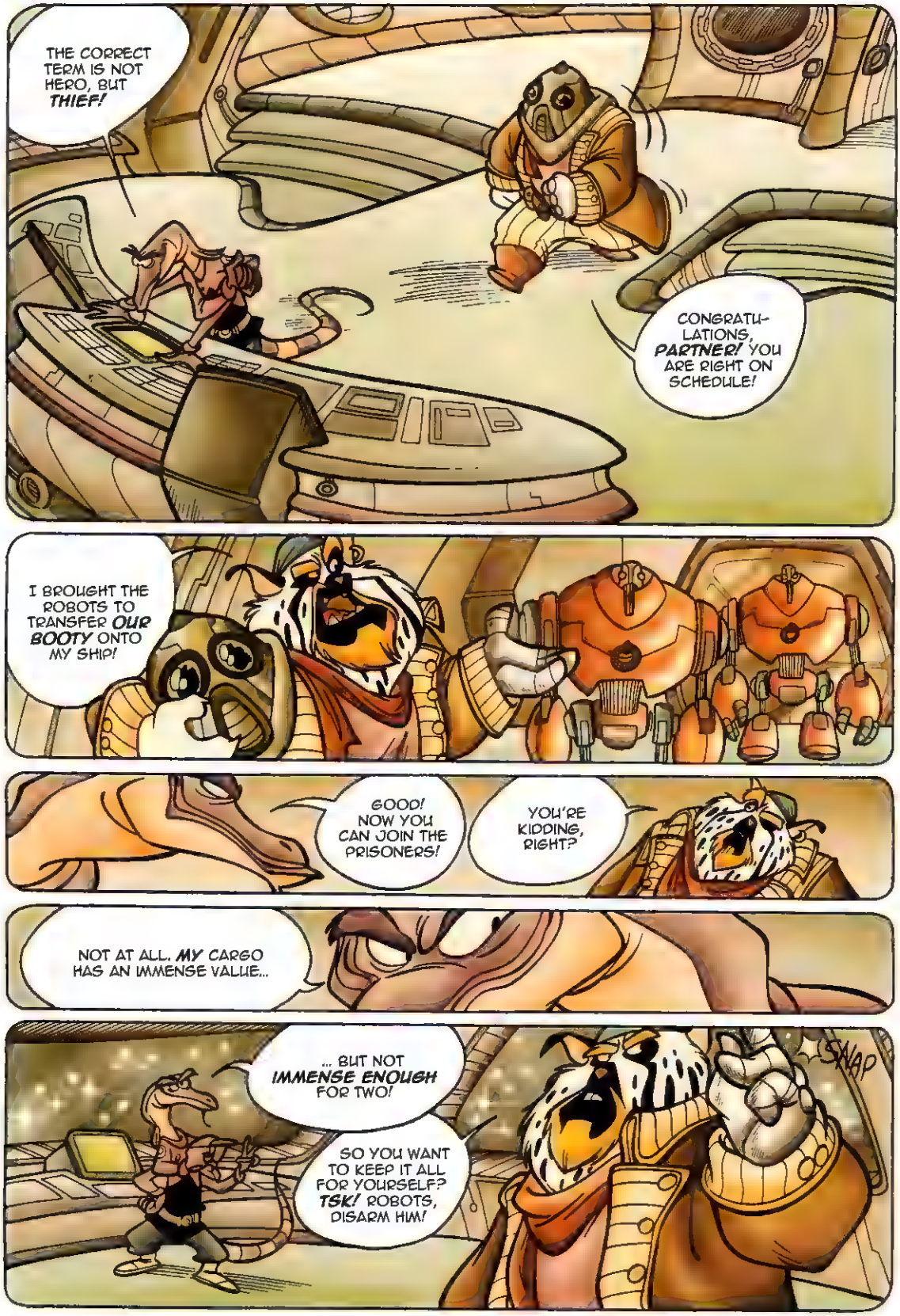
WWOOOIIINNG
OTHERWISE YOU'D KNOW THAT WE WOLLY-PARDAXIANS HAVE FOUR ARMS!
I'LL BE TAKING THIS FROM YOU, IF YOU PLEASE!
AS WELL AS THIS, THIS AND THIS!
TONK
BONK
I'D SAY THAT'S EVERYTHING. NOW THEN...
ALLEY-OOP! BEST REGARDS!

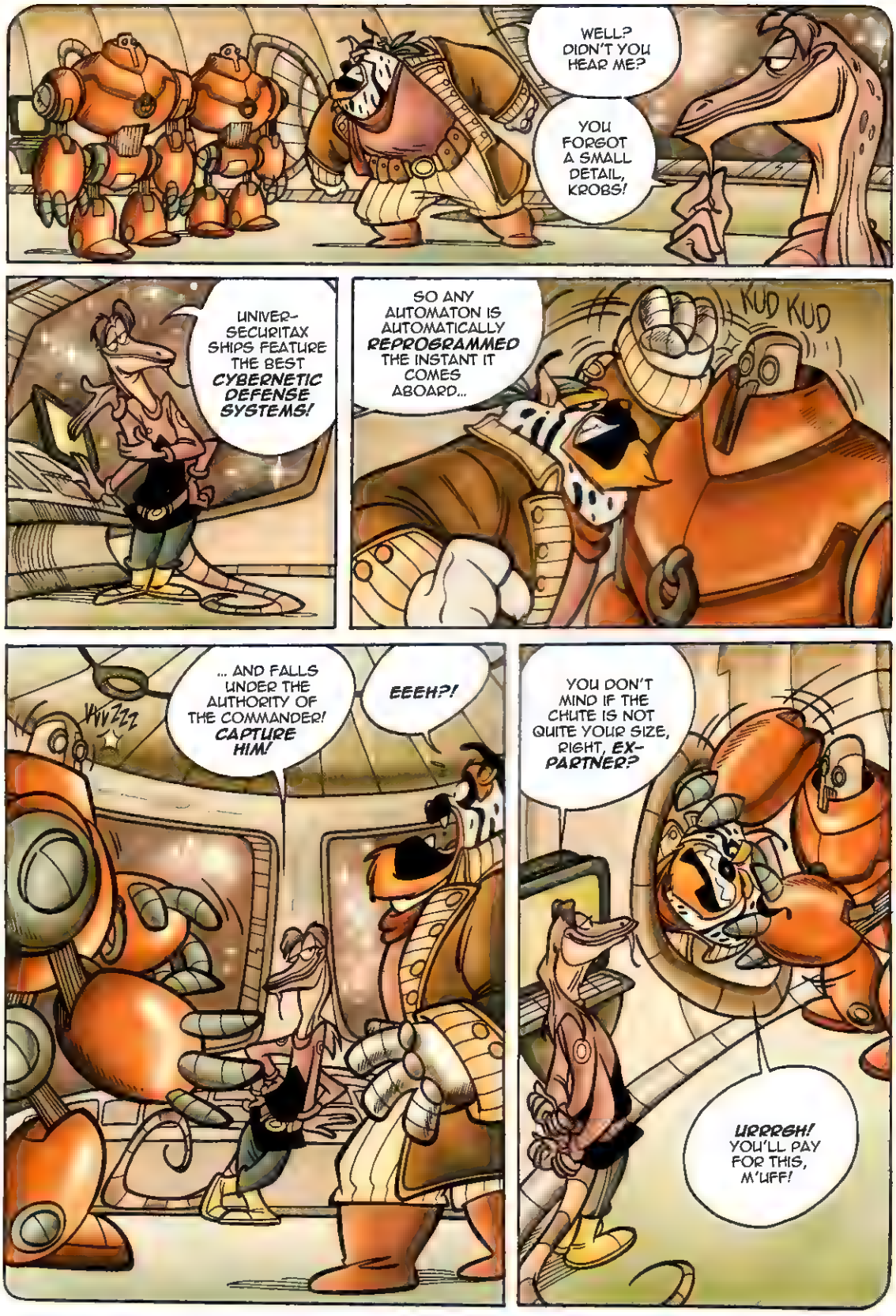

HE'S COMING TO! WAKE UP, GUARDIAN!
C'MON, ONE! FIVE MORE MINUTES...
W-WHERE AM I? WHO ARE YOU?
META-MARSHAL TREASURER SA-P AND THE ESCORT GUARDIANS ON THE SEKOORON!
WE FIND OURSELVES IN THE COMPARTMENT FOR THE ESCAPE PODS!
BUT DON'T BE FOOLED! ALL THE HATCHES ARE HERMETICALLY SEALED!
SO IS THE WAY OUT!
YOU CAN AT LEAST EXPLAIN TO ME WHAT THIS IS ABOUT!
IS IT NOT CLEAR? THIS IS ABOUT A ROBBERY!

WHAAAT?!
INCREDIBLE, ISN'T IT? THESE FREIGHTERS ARE CONSIDERED THE MOST SECURE IN THE GALAXY!
UNLESS THEIR OWN COMM-ANDER DECIDES TO PLUNDER THEM!
SGRUNT! THAT DOUBLE-DEALER M'UFF!
AND WHO ARE YOU? THE FIRST MATE?
NO, NO, NO! KROBS BALOS IS THE MOST NOTORIOUS SMUGGLER AND SPACE PIRATE OF THE TARCH CONJUNCTION!
FALSEHOODS! I AM AN HONEST MERCHANT!
IF HE'S A PIRATE, SHOULDN'T HE BE OUT THERE... ROBBING YOU?
M'UFF TRICKED HIM TOO!
AH WELL... THAT CLEARS UP EVERYTHING!
ON THE CONTRARY, IT'S A COMPLICATED MATTER... BUT WE HAVE ALL THE TIME WE WANT TO EXPLAIN IT! SOB!

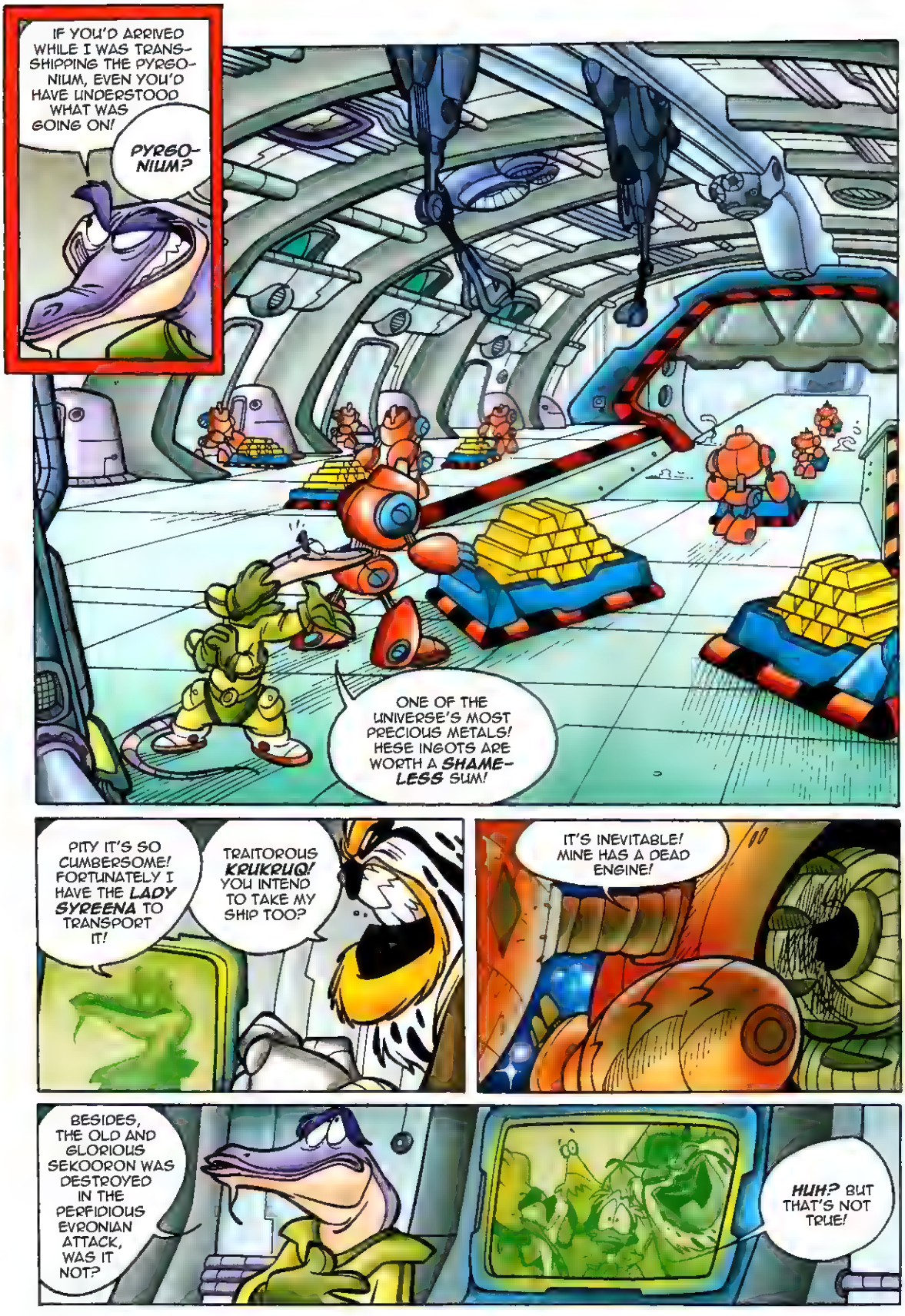

"WE HAD JUST ENTERED YOUR SOLAR SYSTEM..."
THIS IS SEKOORON UNIT OF UNIVERSECURITAX. DO YOU COPY, EARTH?
RED ALERT!
AN EVRONIAN FRIGATE! THEY WERE EXPECTING US!
HOLD ON, THAT DOESN'T SEEM...
THERE'S NO TIME TO LOSE! THEY'VE OPENED FIRE!
CLICK
DAMAGE TO PRIMARY ENGINE! WE'VE BEEN HIT!
ONBOARD COMPUTER! DAMAGE REPORT!
IT WON'T RESPOND! I'VE DEACTIVATED IT! IT WAS BETTER TO GO OVER TO MANUAL CONTROLS!

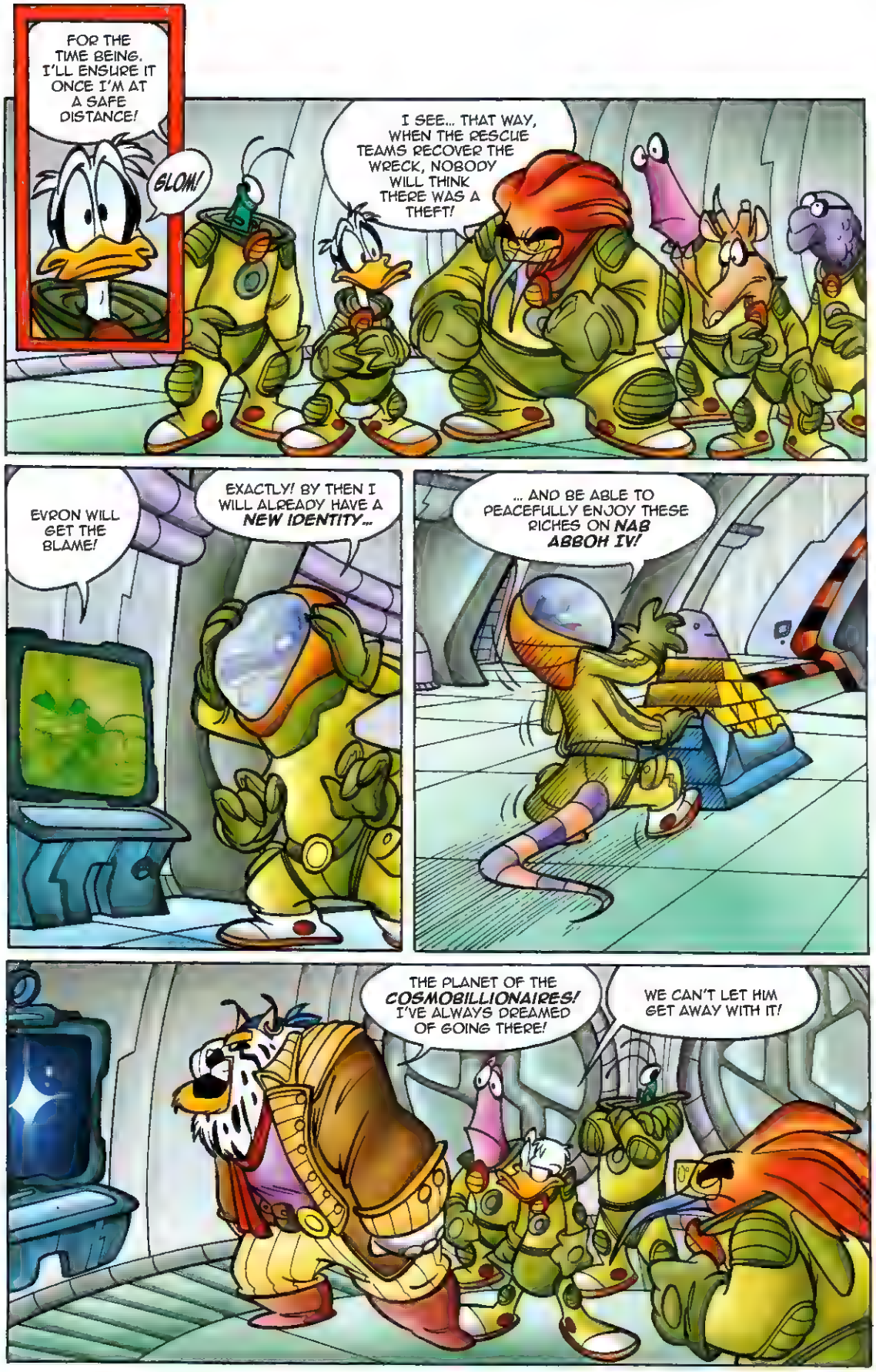

WAAH-WAAH-WAAAH!
PUT ON YOUR SUITS! ABANDON SHIP!
TO THE ESCAPE CHUTES, QUICKLY!
WAAH-WAA
IS EVERYONE HERE, MR. RUKKA?
NO, SIR. WE'RE MISSING THE COMMANDER!
HOW? WHERE THE FLOBB DID HE...
I'M HERE, META-MARSHAL!
WHY ARE YOU STILL ON THE BRIDGE, M'LUFF? THERE'S NO NEED TO PLAY HERO!
HA HA HA!
YOU'VE GOT IT ALL WRONG, MY DEAR SA-P!


THE CORRECT TERM IS NOT HERO, BUT THIEF!
CONGRATULATIONS, PARTNER! YOU ARE RIGHT ON SCHEDULE!
I BROUGHT THE ROBOTS TO TRANSFER OUR BOOTY ONTO MY SHIP!
GOOD! NOW YOU CAN JOIN THE PRISONERS!
YOU'RE KIDDING, RIGHT?
NOT AT ALL. MY CARGO HAS AN IMMENSE VALUE...
... BUT NOT IMMENSE ENOUGH FOR TWO!
SO YOU WANT TO KEEP IT ALL FOR YOURSELF? TSK! ROBOTS, DISARM HIM!
SNAP


WELL? DIDN'T YOU HEAR ME?
YOU FORGOT A SMALL DETAIL, KROBS!
UNIVER-SECURITAX SHIPS FEATURE THE BEST CYBERNETIC DEFENSE SYSTEMS!
SO ANY AUTOMATON IS AUTOMATICALLY REPROGRAMMED THE INSTANT IT COMES ABOARD...
KUD KUD
... AND FALLS UNDER THE AUTHORITY OF THE COMMANDER! CAPTURE HIM!
EEEH?!
VVVZZZ
YOU DON'T MIND IF THE CHUTE IS NOT QUITE YOUR SIZE, RIGHT, EX-PARTNER?
URRRGH! YOU'LL PAY FOR THIS, M'UFF!

SO HERE I AM! SIGH! AND IT SEEMED LIKE SUCH A PERFECT PLAN!
YOU HAD THOUGHT OF EVERYTHING, RIGHT?
YOU CAN SAY THAT AGAIN! THE MOCK ATTACK WAS TO BE IN A SECTOR OUTSIDE THE USUAL ROUTES...
INSTEAD HIGH COMMAND DIVERTED THE SEKOORON TO THIS QUADRANT...
... AND YOU AND YOUR BUDDY BEGAN TO WORRY THAT I'D INTERFERE!
IN YOUR DREAMS! EVERYONE KNOWS THAT THE GUARDIAN OF EARTH IS AN INEXPERIENCED NOVICE!
BUT I HAD TO PUT THE LOADING OPERATION TO A HALT IN ORDER TO GET RID OF HIM!
M'UFF!


IF YOU'D ARRIVED WHILE I WAS TRANS-SHIPPING THE PYRGO-NIUM, EVEN YOU'D HAVE UNDERSTOOD WHAT WAS GOING ON!
PYRGO-NIUM?
ONE OF THE UNIVERSE'S MOST PRECIOUS METALS! HESE INGOTS ARE WORTH A SHAME-LESS SUM!
PITY IT'S SO CUMBERSOME! FORTUNATELY I HAVE THE LADY SYREENA TO TRANSPORT IT!
TRAITOROUS KRUKRUQ! YOU INTEND TO TAKE MY SHIP TOO?
IT'S INEVITABLE! MINE HAS A DEAD ENGINE!
BESIDES, THE OLD AND GLORIOUS SEKOORON WAS DESTROYED IN THE PERFIDIOUS EVRONIAN ATTACK, WAS IT NOT?
HUH? BUT THAT'S NOT TRUE!


FOR THE TIME BEING. I'LL ENSURE IT ONCE I'M AT A SAFE DISTANCE!
GLOM!
I SEE... THAT WAY, WHEN THE RESCUE TEAMS RECOVER THE WRECK, NOBODY WILL THINK THERE WAS A THEFT!
EVRON WILL GET THE BLAME!
EXACTLY! BY THEN I WILL ALREADY HAVE A NEW IDENTITY...
... AND BE ABLE TO PEACEFULLY ENJOY THESE RICHES ON NAB ABBOH IV!
THE PLANET OF THE COSMOBILLIONAIRES! I'VE ALWAYS DREAMED OF GOING THERE!
WE CAN'T LET HIM GET AWAY WITH IT!

WE HAVE TO COME UP WITH SOMETHING!
LIKE WHAT? WE'RE TRAPPED AND UNARMED!
GREAT! ANYTHING ELSE?
WELL, WE DON'T CARRY WEAPONS WHILE ABANDONING SHIP!
THEY MAY CAUSE FIRES! IT'S REGULATION!
AND YOU ALWAYS FOLLOW IT TO THE LETTER, RIGHT?
I HAD HEARD THAT YOU WERE AN UNDISCIPLINED AND OBSTINATE ELEMENT!
BUT YOU MUST RATIONALLY REALIZE THAT NOTHING CAN BE DONE!
OH, I'M SO SORRY IF I'M NOT RATIONAL ENOUGH TO LET MYSELF GET DISINTEGRATED...
SKRAAAAANK

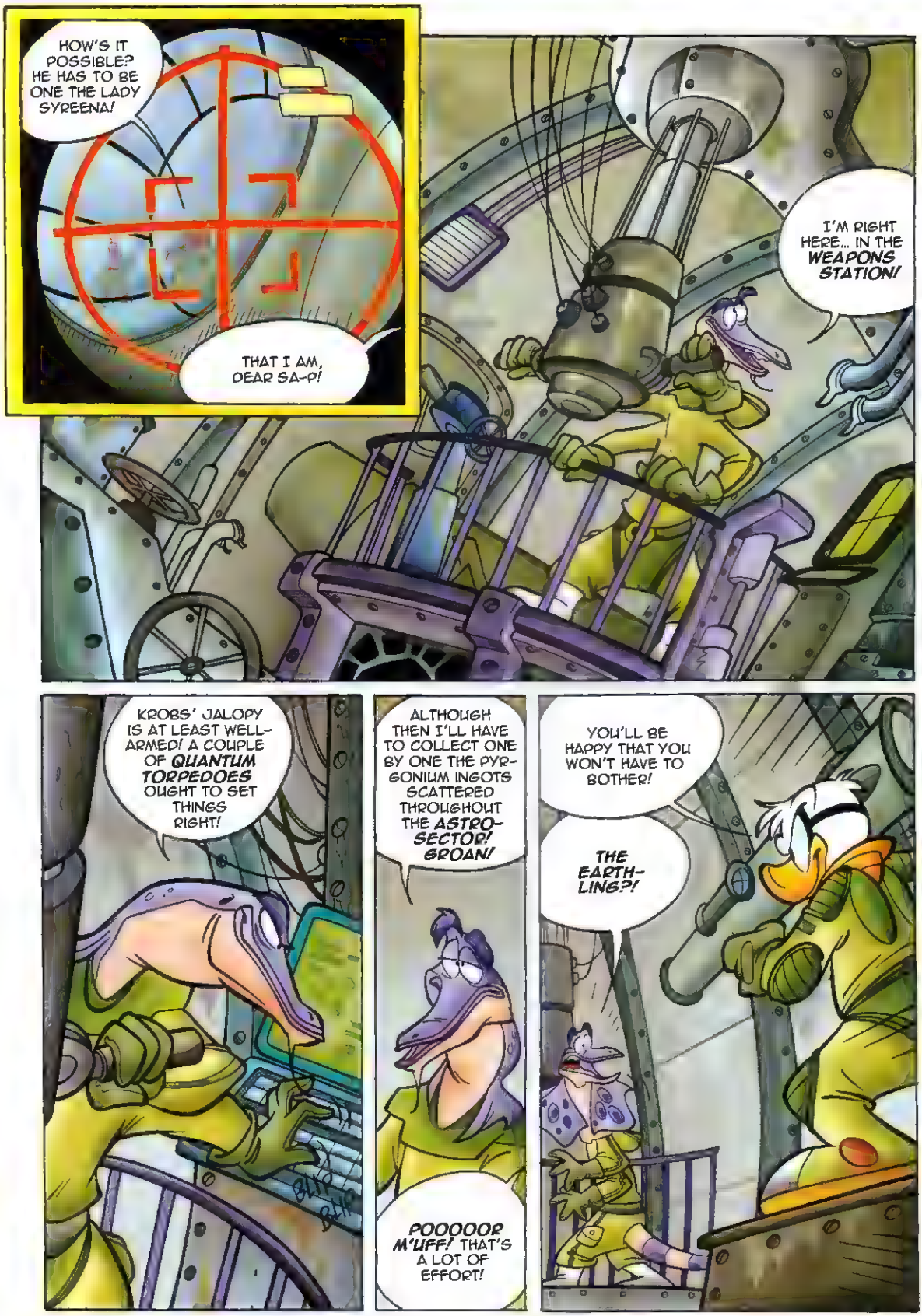
BRAAAM
A LEAK! THE PRESSURE'S DROPPING!
PUT ON YOUR HELMETS!
YOU MAY CALL IT A LEAK...
I MYSELF SEE IT AS AN EMERGENCY EXIT!
I'VE NEVER SEEN SUCH A PROVIDENTIAL METEORITE!
HMM... BUT HOW COULD IT HAVE SO MUCH ENERGY AS TO PIERCE AN ARMORED HULL?
GOOD QUESTION!
VRRRRRR
AND A GOOD ANSWER IS... BECAUSE IT WASN'T A METEORITE!

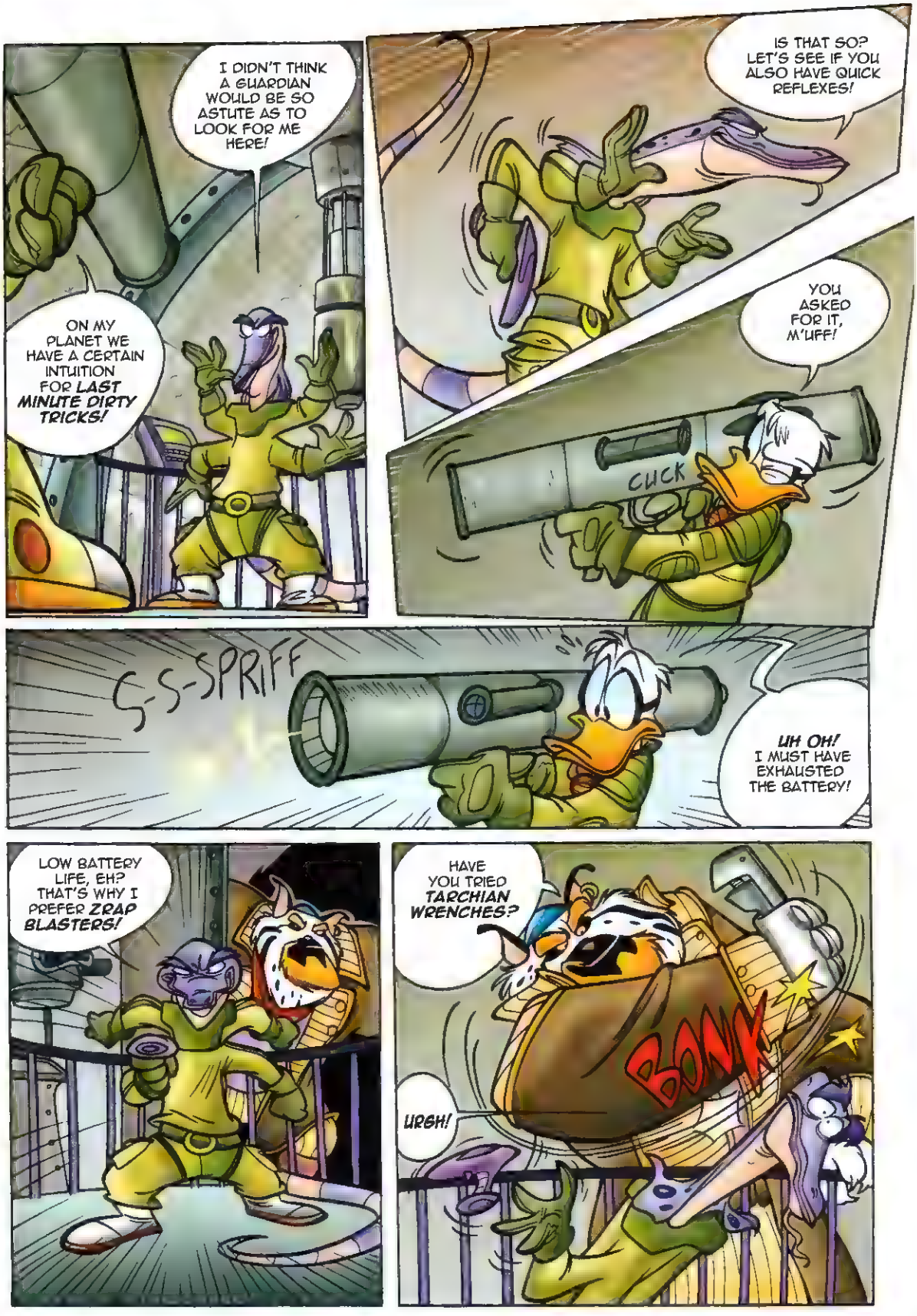
LOOKS TO BE A PRIMITIVE TRANSPORT ROCKET!
BE CAREFUL! THE ENGINE IS STILL RUNNING!
THAT STUBBORN LYO FOUND A WAY TO HAVE ME TRY OUT HIS GADGETS!
ANYONE IN NEED OF WEAPONS?
OOOH!
HMM... THEY'RE RATHER RUDIMENTAL!
BUT EFFICIENT! OOOF!
NOT A BAD HOME DELIVERY SERVICE YOU GOT! I THINK I'LL TAKE...
I DON'T THINK SO!
URGH!

I'M GONNA AVOID THAT THIS HONEST MERCHANT GETS ANY UNHEALTHY IDEAS!
I AM OFFENDED! THIS IS A LOW INSINUATION!
BUT FINE! HAVE ME BE UNARMED AND DEFENSE-LESS!
QUICK, COLLEAGUE! WE HAVE TO STOP THE TRANSPORT OF THE PYRGO-NIUM!
GOOD, AVENGER... GET DISTRACTED! THEN I CAN TAKE SOME-THING USEFUL... HUH?
HEEELP!
OH NO! BALOS HAS SET THE ROCKET FREE!
HE'S GONNA DISAPPEAR INTO SPACE!

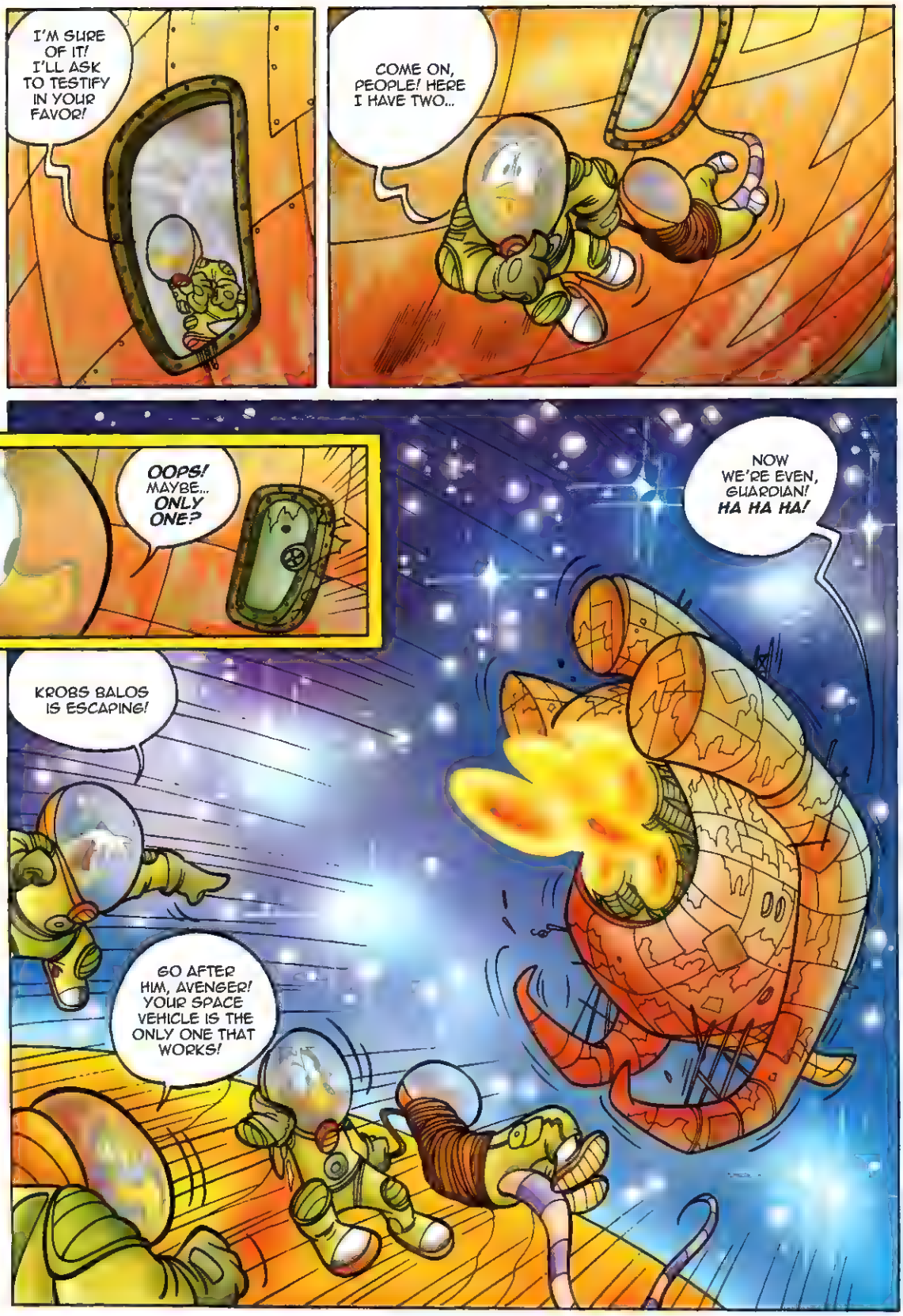
IT WOULD SERVE HIM RIGHT, BUT I'D SURELY VIOLATE SOME REGULATION IF I DIDN'T SAVE HIM!
SO LET'S SEE IF THIS LASER RIFLE ALSO WORKS AS AN ASTRO-SCOOTER!
UAAAH!
STRETCH OUT YOUR PAW, KROBS! YOUR BUS IS ON ITS WAY!
THANKS, GUARDIAN! I HAVE TO ADMIT THAT YOU'RE NOT AS INEXPERIENCED AS YOU LOOK!
SNORT! IIT'S ABOUT TIME SOMEONE NOTICED!

YOUR FRIEND M'UFF WILL BE THE NEXT ONE TO NOTICE!
BUT...
TEAM ONE CALLING META-MARSHAL SA-P!
M'UFF IS NOT ON THE SEKOORON!
NEITHER WITH HIS ROBOTS! DO YOU READ ME, TEAM TWO?
TELL ME THAT YOU'VE LOCATED HIM!
I'M AFRAID WE HAVEN'T, SIR!
THE BRIDGE IS EMPTY. THERE'S NO ONE THERE.


HOW'S IT POSSIBLE? HE HAS TO BE ONE THE LADY SYREENA!
THAT I AM, DEAR SA-P!
I'M RIGHT HERE... IN THE WEAPONS STATION!
KROBS' JALOPY IS AT LEAST WELL-ARMED! A COUPLE OF QUANTUM TORPEDOES OUGHT TO SET THINGS RIGHT!
BLIP BLIP
ALTHOUGH THEN I'LL HAVE TO COLLECT ONE BY ONE THE PYRGONIUM INGOTS SCATTERED THROUGHOUT THE ASTRO-SECTOR! GROAN!
POOOOOR M'UFF! THAT'S A LOT OF EFFORT!
YOU'LL BE HAPPY THAT YOU WON'T HAVE TO BOTHER!
THE EARTH-LING?!

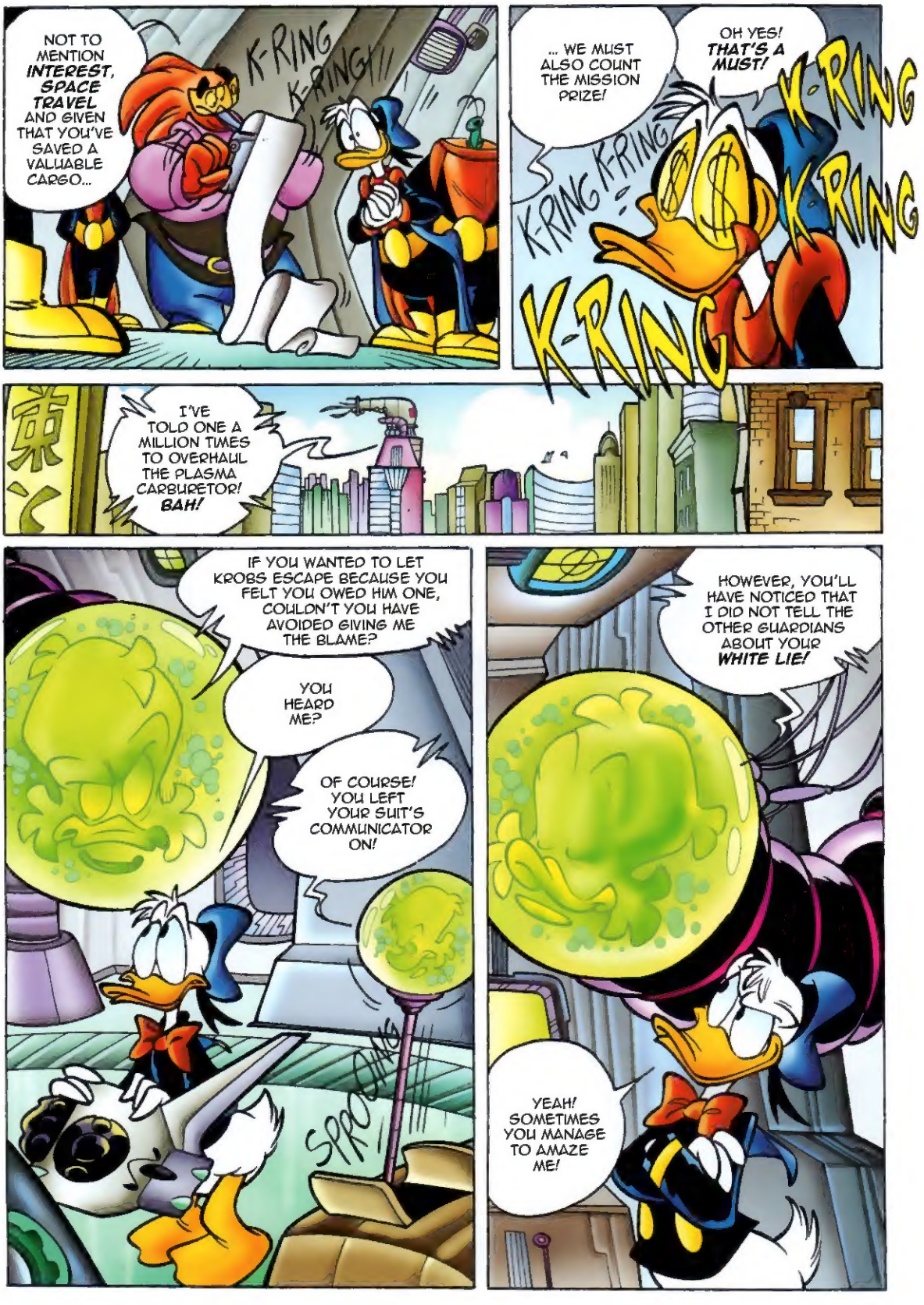

I DIDN'T THINK A GUARDIAN WOULD BE SO ASTUTE AS TO LOOK FOR ME HERE!
ON MY PLANET WE HAVE A CERTAIN INTUITION FOR LAST MINUTE DIRTY TRICKS!
IS THAT SO? LET'S SEE IF YOU ALSO HAVE QUICK REFLEXES!
YOU ASKED FOR IT, M'UFF!
CLICK
S-S-SPRIFF
UH OH! I MUST HAVE EXHAUSTED THE BATTERY!
LOW BATTERY LIFE, EH? THAT'S WHY I PREFER ZRAP BLASTERS!
HAVE YOU TRIED TARCHIAN WRENCHES?
BONK
URGH!

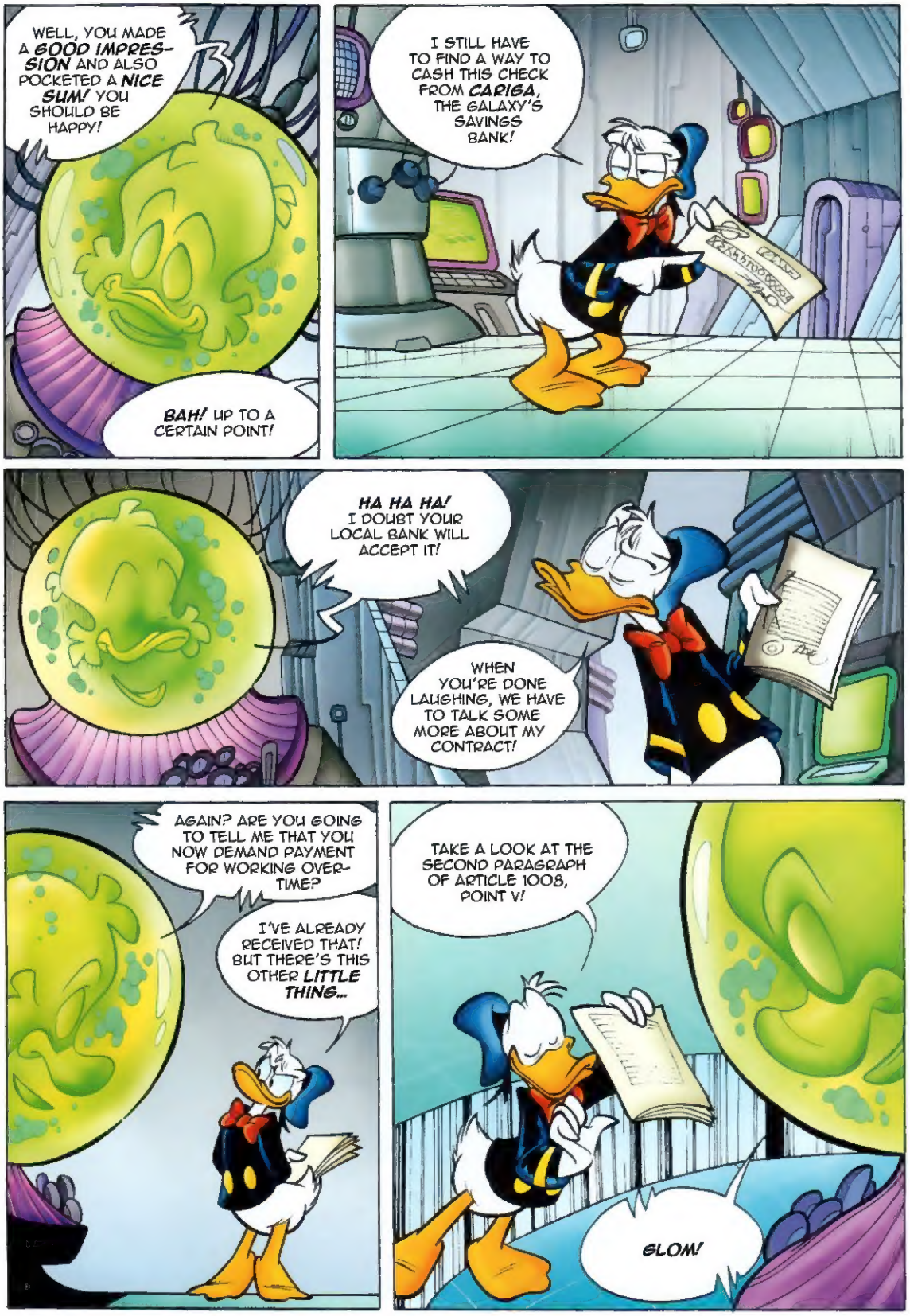
NICE HIT YOU GOT IN ON HIM, BIG GUY!
HE HE! MY SHIP IS FULL OF SECRET PASSAGES ONLY I KNOW ABOUT!
I HAD A SCORE TO SETTLE WITH M'UFF! BUT NOW THAT I THINK ABOUT IT...
HEY!
... I AM ALSO INDEBTED TO YOU!
PHEEEW! THANK GOODNESS!
YOU MADE THE RIGHT CHOICE, KROBS!
IT'LL BE USEFUL FOR YOU WHEN YOU'RE TRIED!
YOU THINK SO?

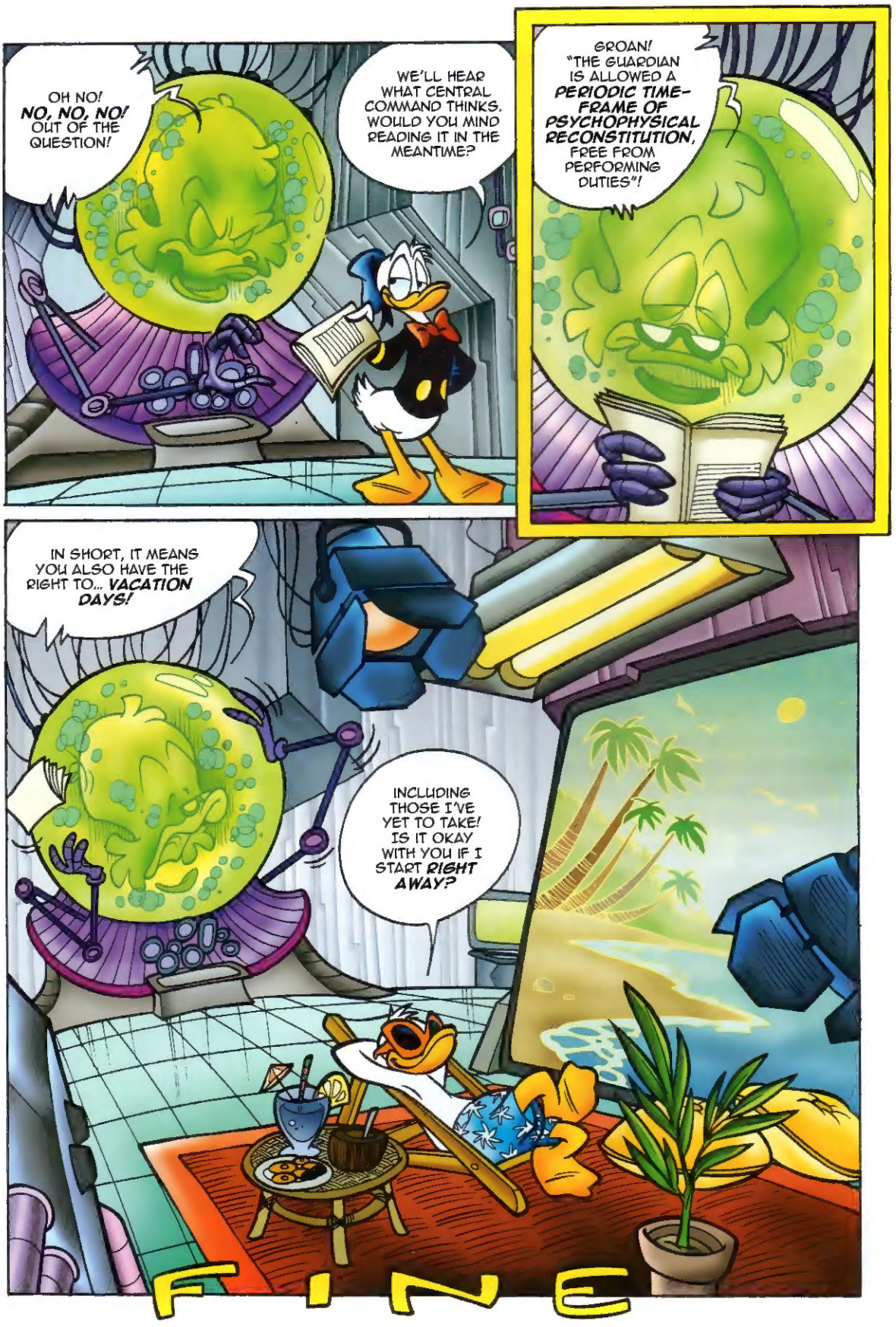

I'M SURE OF IT! I'LL ASK TO TESTIFY IN YOUR FAVOR!
COME ON, PEOPLE! HERE I HAVE TWO...
OOPS! MAYBE... ONLY ONE?
NOW WE'RE EVEN, GUARDIAN! HA HA HA!
KROBS BALOS IS ESCAPING!
GO AFTER HIM, AVENGER! YOUR SPACE VEHICLE IS THE ONLY ONE THAT WORKS!

DON'T YOU WORRY! I'LL GET TO HIM IN A NANOSECOND!
EHEM... IT MAY TAKE LONGER THAN THAT!
GNIK GNIK GNIK GNIK
I'M SORRY! I'VE TOLD ONE A MILLION TIMES TO OVERHAUL THE PLASMA CARBURETOR!
IT DOESN'T MATTER, AVENGER! WHAT'S IMPORTANT IS THAT WE'VE CAPTURED M'UFF!
YOUR CONDUCT WAS BRILLIANT! I WILL REPORT TO CENTRAL COMMAND!
ONCE THE ROBOTS HAVE COMPLETED THE REPAIRS, WE CAN RESUME OUR JOURNEY!
AS FOR YOU, YOU MAY RETURN TO YOUR PLANET!
I'M IN NO HURRY, EGREGIOUS ARCH-LIEUTENANT-GENERAL TREASURER!

AS I RECALL, YOU HAD TO MAKE A STOP IN THESE PARTS IN ORDER TO PAY A CERTAIN SALARY.
OH, RIGHT! I COMPLETELY FORGOT!
I'D SAY A COUPLE OF INGOTS SHOULD DO IT!
EH?
WAIT, SIR! WE DON'T KNOW IF PYRGONIUM HAS VALUE ON EARTH!
BESIDES, WE DON'T KNOW ITS EXACT LOCAL QUOTATION!
LET'S CALCULATE THIS! NOW THEN... INCOME, OUTSTANDING BALANCE...
KRING
YOU'RE RIGHT. I BETTER RESOLVE THE MATTER ACCORDING TO REGULATORY PRACTICE!


NOT TO MENTION INTEREST, SPACE TRAVEL AND GIVEN THAT YOU'VE SAVED A VALUABLE CARGO...
K-RING K-RING!
... WE MUST ALSO COUNT THE MISSION PRIZE!
OH YES! THAT'S A MUST!
K-RING K-RING
K-RING K-RING
K-RING
I'VE TOLD ONE A MILLION TIMES TO OVERHAUL THE PLASMA CARBURETOR! BAH!
IF YOU WANTED TO LET KROBS ESCAPE BECAUSE YOU FELT YOU OWED HIM ONE, COULDN'T YOU HAVE AVOIDED GIVING ME THE BLAME?
YOU HEARD ME?
OF COURSE! YOU LEFT YOUR SUIT'S COMMUNICATOR ON!
SPRONG
HOWEVER, YOU'LL HAVE NOTICED THAT I DID NOT TELL THE OTHER GUARDIANS ABOUT YOUR WHITE LIE!
YEAH! SOMETIMES YOU MANAGE TO AMAZE ME!


WELL, YOU MADE A GOOD IMPRESSION AND ALSO POCKETED A NICE SUM! YOU SHOULD BE HAPPY!
BAH! UP TO A CERTAIN POINT!
I STILL HAVE TO FIND A WAY TO CASH THIS CHECK FROM CARIBA, THE GALAXY'S SAVINGS BANK!
HA HA HA! I DOUBT YOUR LOCAL BANK WILL ACCEPT IT!
WHEN YOU'RE DONE LAUGHING, WE HAVE TO TALK SOME MORE ABOUT MY CONTRACT!
AGAIN? ARE YOU GOING TO TELL ME THAT YOU NOW DEMAND PAYMENT FOR WORKING OVERTIME?
I'VE ALREADY RECEIVED THAT! BUT THERE'S THIS OTHER LITTLE THING...
TAKE A LOOK AT THE SECOND PARAGRAPH OF ARTICLE 1008, POINT V!
GLOM!


OH NO! NO, NO, NO! OUT OF THE QUESTION!
WE'LL HEAR WHAT CENTRAL COMMAND THINKS. WOULD YOU MIND READING IT IN THE MEANTIME?
GROAN! "THE GUARDIAN IS ALLOWED A PERIODIC TIME-FRAME OF PSYCHOPHYSICAL RECONSTITUTION, FREE FROM PERFORMING DUTIES"!
IN SHORT, IT MEANS YOU ALSO HAVE THE RIGHT TO... VACATION DAYS!
INCLUDING THOSE I'VE YET TO TAKE! IS IT OKAY WITH YOU IF I START RIGHT AWAY?
FINE

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